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T. R. ROWELL,
Director of Education,

Hong Kong, April 19, 1950.

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NOTICE NO. 5 OF 1950

Merchant Shipping Ordinance
No. 10 of 1939

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of either of the Marine Depart-
ment publications "Abstracts
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(January, 1949 edition only)
or "Hong Kong Port Regula-
tions" (May, 1949 edition only)
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duction of the respective
publication to this office, a re-
vised copy of Table M. Ordina-
nce No. 10 of 1939.

J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, April 22, 1950.

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General Meeting of the
Company will be held at the
Offices of Messrs Dodwell
& Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong-
kong Bank Building, on Tues-
day, the 8th May 1950, at 11
a.m. for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report and Statement
of Accounts for the year end-
ed 31st December 1949.

Notice is also given that the
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Anniversary of fall of Nanking to Reds

One year ago today the Chinese Communists
walked into the Nationalist capital at Nan-
king, on the heels of the fleeing Nationalist
Government. For China's 475,000,000 it
symbolised the passage of their country be-
hind the Iron Curtain and end of an era, re-
ports Chang Kuo-sin of the United Press.

During the ensuing 12 months, the powerful and
ably-led Communist armies "liberated" prac-
tically the entire Chinese mainland, save a
few isolated remote and hilly regions where
Nationalist remnants are still holding out.

The Communist sweep created
the second largest Socialist state
in the world, magnifying con-
siderably the Soviet threat to the
free countries. Technically and
politically, totalitarianism are
settled in national power over
China. But in reality their hold is
being undermined by widespread
popular resentment.

The most significant change
during the last year has taken
place in the hearts of the 475-
000,000 Chinese. A year ago, most
of them—at least most of the
politically vocal ones—were sym-
bolising their disgust with Kuomint-
ang misrule in a dispassionate
desire for Communist "libera-
tion." Very few then mourned
the collapse of the Kuomintang.

Reaction sets in

But after the first wild roar-
ing of hopes that things might
be changing for the better, the
reaction set in. A year's ex-
perience with the Communists
has produced widespread disil-
lusion and discontent, and
many Chinese are now hoping
for "do-liberation."

The main cause of the sharp
change is the progressive im-
poverishment of political, social
and economic life of the mass of
the people under Red totalitarian-
ism.

Arrivals from the Chinese
mainland estimate that many
people are now either hoping for
the outbreak of a third world war
or a come-back by Chiang Kai-

shek, whom one year ago they
had regarded as "hopeless," to
free them from the shackles of
the Communist government.

Peasant uprisings, riots and
sabotage have broken out in
many parts of the country, caus-
ing the Communists to give top
priority this year to an all-out
campaign against the "reac-
tionary bandits" in all the pro-
vinces South of the Yellow River.

These popular local rebellions,
together with the Nationalists
now based on the islands of Tai-
wan and Hainan, regrouping and
reforming their strength, pose a
serious challenge to the Com-
munist domination of China.

Economic difficulties

The Communists are also facing
increasing difficulties in the
financial, industrial, agricultural
and economic fields. The wartime
economy of the country has been
further shaken by a widespread
famine, which is officially de-
scribed as the worst during the
last few decades. It involves a
total of between 40,000,000 and
60,000,000 people.

The Communists are pinning
hopes on aid from their ideologi-
cal friends in Soviet Russia to
help them tide over the difficult
period.

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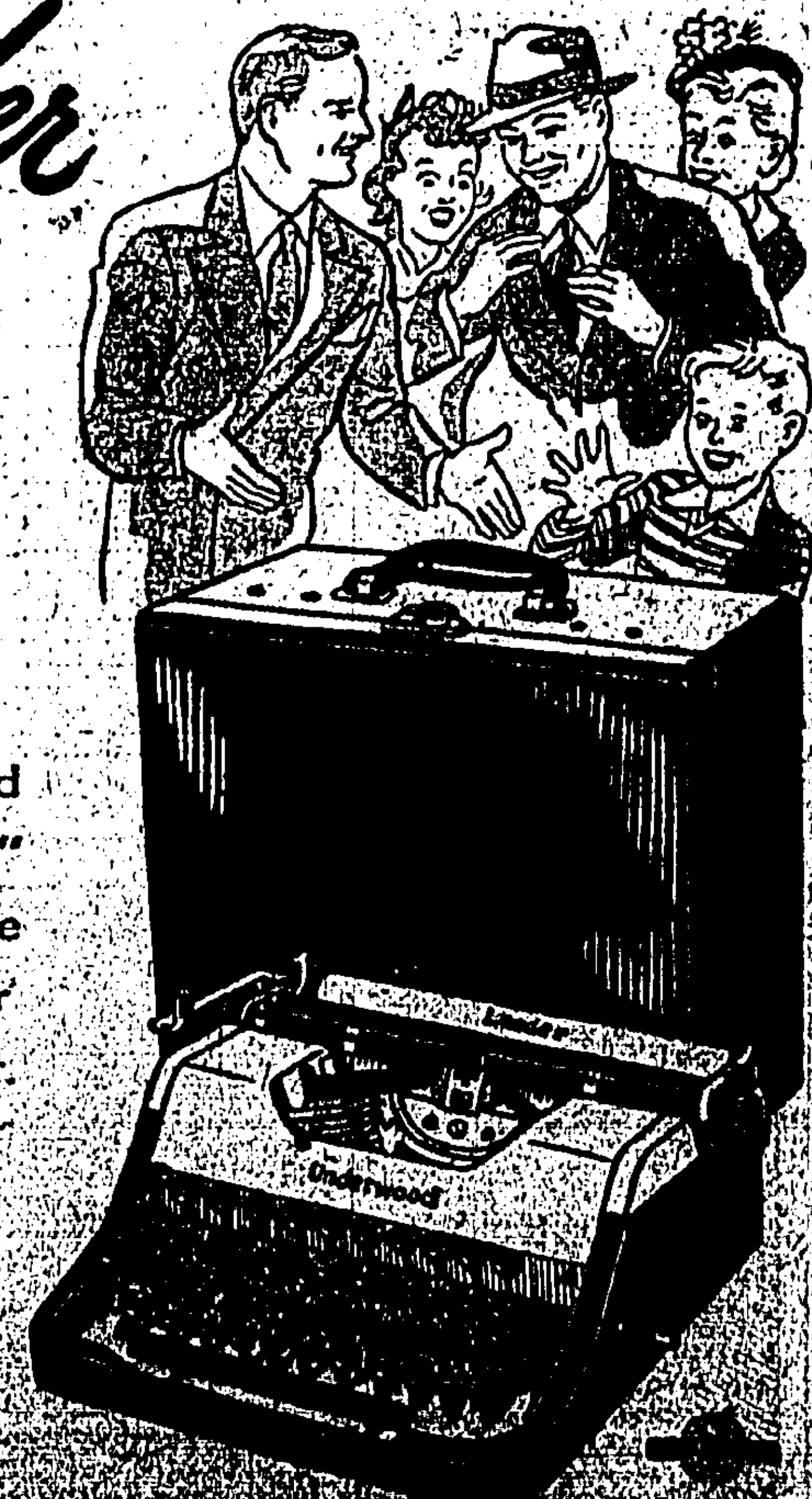
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JANUARY

(December 21-January 19)
You will probably be in an enterprising mood this week. Hence a chance of reaching some long-desired aim about Friday. A good deal of mental activity and, if in touch with people overseas, important news mid-week.

FEBRUARY

(January 20-February 18)
Family controversies are likely to flare up again probably on Friday or Saturday. Better be conciliatory, especially in questions of finance. New schemes would have a better chance of success if postponed until after the week-end.

MARCH

(February 19-March 20)
Beware of clashes with close associates in next few days. Though new ideas promise well, you may find it difficult to get the co-operation you need. So, only an interesting period; make the most of week-end introductions.

APRIL

(March 21-April 20)
A long suppressed grievance may come to the fore again this week. If you employ others, be careful; if employed, see little of other associates. Last minute changes in domestic affairs may be necessary on Saturday.

MAY

(April 21-May 20)
If one of the family has been in trouble, further anxiety, probably this week. Alternatively, you find the re-appearance of an old friend embarrassing. From the business angle, a propitious period provided you avoid speculation. New contract probable beginning of week.

JUNE

(May 21-June 20)
Though you may find older people or former friends irritating, better be tolerant. Avoid clashes both at home and at end of week. Financially your luck is "in"; windfalls probable in next few days.

JULY

(June 21-July 20)
Take care you are not the quarrel-maker in your circle this week. Difficult to keep your

WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

temper with irritating relatives or associates. But little gained through reviving long-standing arguments. Better see all you can of new friends and follow up new ideas.

AUGUST

(July 21-August 21)
In spite of controversy about some financial matter, a promising week. New schemes continue to do well in spite of possible treachery in next few days. Travel plans get a stage nearer completion, and you may have sensational news from overseas.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22-September 22)
Increased activity and probably nervous strain concerning a friend's affairs. Or, maybe, an undesired visitor is dumped upon you end of week. But business outlook should be improving, and those near and dear to you should be doing well.

OCTOBER

(September 23-October 23)
Don't neglect health problems, particularly on Friday or Saturday. Also, be cautious about possibly unnecessary changes. Certain reshuffles might be worthwhile, but it would be foolish to plunge into hazardous ventures at the moment.

NOVEMBER

(October 24-November 23)
News early in the week might precipitate a family quarrel or revive some long-standing grudge. If determined bring matters to a head, Friday seems to be the appropriate day. Some likelihood of speculative luck or good times socially.

DECEMBER

(November 23-December 20)
In business life a stormy period but you probably get what you want. In personal affairs happy experiences alternate with misunderstandings. Keep clear of family arguments if you can and be careful to whom you lend or from whom you borrow money.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23: FOR MOST OF US: Don't go far from home today; much happiness to be found in your usual circle. Suitable for careful planning, study, family gatherings. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Golden Brown, 8, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Provided you don't plunge into rash experiments, this should be a comfortable and happy year. Be content with the places you know and the people you have learned to trust. Don't be led astray by the prospects of easy money or by the glamour of possible adventure.

On the whole changes would not be desirable, but if you are thinking of taking up new work or launching fresh schemes, do so before July. After that you would tend to stay put for some time. But if your present job is satisfactory, it might be better to stick to it this year.

All's well financially provided you are not in a hurry. A rise in salary or increased profits would come slowly and might not be obvious until the New Year of 1951. There is, however, some prospect of a legacy before the end of the year.

Don't travel in 1950 and, above all, don't go on the sea. Also, be careful you don't get involved with people of unusual type and possibly of artistic or religious interests. You would regret the link-up before long.

There is not much to hope for from new friendships in 1950, but there is a great deal of happiness to be found in family life and among old friends. If unmarried, an old sweetheart may turn up again before Christmas. If already settled, concentrate on keeping mischief-makers out of your home this year.

MONDAY, APRIL 24: FOR MOST OF US: A propitious day, particularly if you aim at building up good will. Good for sport, travel, correspondence. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Light Blue, 0, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although this may not be an outstanding year in your life, yet it is pretty certain to be a pleasant one. Throughout 1950/51 you will find that the little things of life come easily and that you are more contented than before. It should be easy to enjoy yourself and make friends this year.

Making money may be a little more difficult but there are few more worries ahead. Although it would not be wise to trust to speculation to add to your income, you might have some very pleasant gains in this way before Christmas. Also, new schemes do well.

But the year will be important for its social adventures and it will be worthwhile going all out to make a good impression in 1950. If you make the most of your personal charm and your family connections, you should be able to arrange some most useful link-ups this year.

Extensive travel is not likely, but you may get more holidays than usual, or, if sports-minded, do well on the playing field. Though you may not be in the mood for hard work, you should be able to build up most useful goodwill and publicity in the coming 12 months.

If still young and unmarried, this will be a year of romantic possibilities and will probably end in engagement. If already settled, there is much to be hoped for from new friends before Christmas, and about the same time there should be more than one birth or engagement in your family circle.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25: FOR MOST OF US: Somewhat frustrating developments today. If you have anything important on hand, prepare to put more effort into it than usual. Don't neglect health. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Leaf Green, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although 1950/51 will probably be free from actual setbacks, you will find it difficult to steer a clear course through the many cross currents at work in your affairs. Throughout the 12 months, one scheme after another will take a queer turn or be brought to naught. You will suffer not only from your own failings but from those of others.

Some interesting change is likely to be held up at the last minute by someone else's erratic behaviour. So don't count on reshuffles going through when you expect them to do so. Better not plan anything of importance this side of Christmas.

The New Year of 1951 may bring easier times. New ideas that were tried out earlier should now begin to bear fruit. February 1951 is likely to be an important month in your life.

Take good care of health, and remember that too many changes would probably upset it. For example, a house move, though interesting, might have unfortunate results on your physical well-being.

In personal affairs, too, there are some difficult months ahead. Friends and near relatives are not likely to see eye to eye with you. Also, if married, your partner may be intolerant from time to time. But one new friendship of an unusual type is likely to bring new interest into your life and in time to become important.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26: FOR MOST OF US: Day of surprises and unusual adventures. Probably worthwhile trusting to intuition. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Lavender, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: It is difficult to give advice this year to anyone born on an April 26, for this coming 12 months are likely to be different from any other year. Again, and again, during the period the unexpected happens; schemes that seem sure of success fall through and other considered ones prove fortunate.

Money worries seem to be absent most of the year, indeed, there is some likelihood of windfalls and falling that, of promotion between August and October. On the whole, new ideas and outlook would pay better than anything that has been drifting on for some time.

It is an excellent year for anybody engaged in creative work. An artist or musician with this birthday will enjoy life thoroughly in 1950. For the ordinary business man or woman it will be a year of unusual possibilities and probably of some quite unsought success.

Whatever your occupation or your age, you will probably find your intuition is working at high pressure throughout the year. You are also likely to have curious dream experiences and to gain an uncanny insight into the mind processes of your friends and relatives.

What happiness comes your way this year will be of romantic kind and will probably materialise unexpectedly. So if now heartwhole, it is probable that an engrossing love affair would develop before Christmas. If already settled, family and domestic affairs take a strange turn in the next few months.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27: FOR MOST OF US: Good for travel, changes, new ideas, but a little dangerous for financial schemes. Be careful what you spend or promise this afternoon. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Golden Yellow, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This is likely to be a year of opportunities but it may also be one of money worries. Throughout the year you will be in the mood to make changes and may get the chance of a really worthwhile new job, but it would be difficult to raise all the money you need for new ventures.

A little economy early in the year will probably serve you well about August. If you are really set upon some desired reshuffle, you will probably be able to raise what money you need. But don't hope to gain it in speculation or through borrowing; better realise what assets you possess.

Travel may be necessary and it is possible that you would go abroad for some time. Failing that, you may move to another part of the country or link up with a group of people very different from your usual associates.

So aim at getting out of a groove if you are in one and also getting desired changes going as soon as possible. Both health and spirits would improve if you make a new work or make a house move in near future. Personal prestige would be high throughout the year and you are likely to take on some heavy responsibilities.

It is a good year for friendships but it may be a rather disturbed period in your domestic life. If it is necessary to cut down family expenditure, trouble is likely to result. But one link-up—probably made in August—serves you well, not only in 1950 but in the years to come.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28: FOR MOST OF US: A day of curious portents. Problems believed settled may be brought up again before night. Make no hasty commitments. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Cream, 1, Crystal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: In some ways this is likely to be a fateful year. Whether or not you like your present routine and your present environment, you will probably be chained to them until the end of the 12 months. Also, certain problems that have been accumulating for the last eight or nine years will now reach a critical stage.

Events of this year link up closely with those of 1941 and 1943. Think back over what you were doing at that period and you will probably find that some

responsibility incurred then is now weighing heavily upon you. Or, maybe, a link formed about that time shows signs of breaking.

Although it may not be possible to make changes this year, yet you will be consciously that your present way of living is about to end. Some long-standing association is on its last phase. Possibly a flare-up towards your next birthday makes it possible to embark on new schemes next year.

Older people will figure prominently in your affairs—older men in particular. But the contact will be fortunate rather than unfortunate and you would gain substantially through association with your seniors. But your own plans will have to be modified to suit theirs throughout the year.

If you are living with your parents or with older relatives there will be much to do for them in the next 12 months. So if single and planning marriage it may not be possible to go ahead until after your next birthday. If already settled, in-laws and older relatives are likely to take a hand in your domestic affairs, particularly round about September.

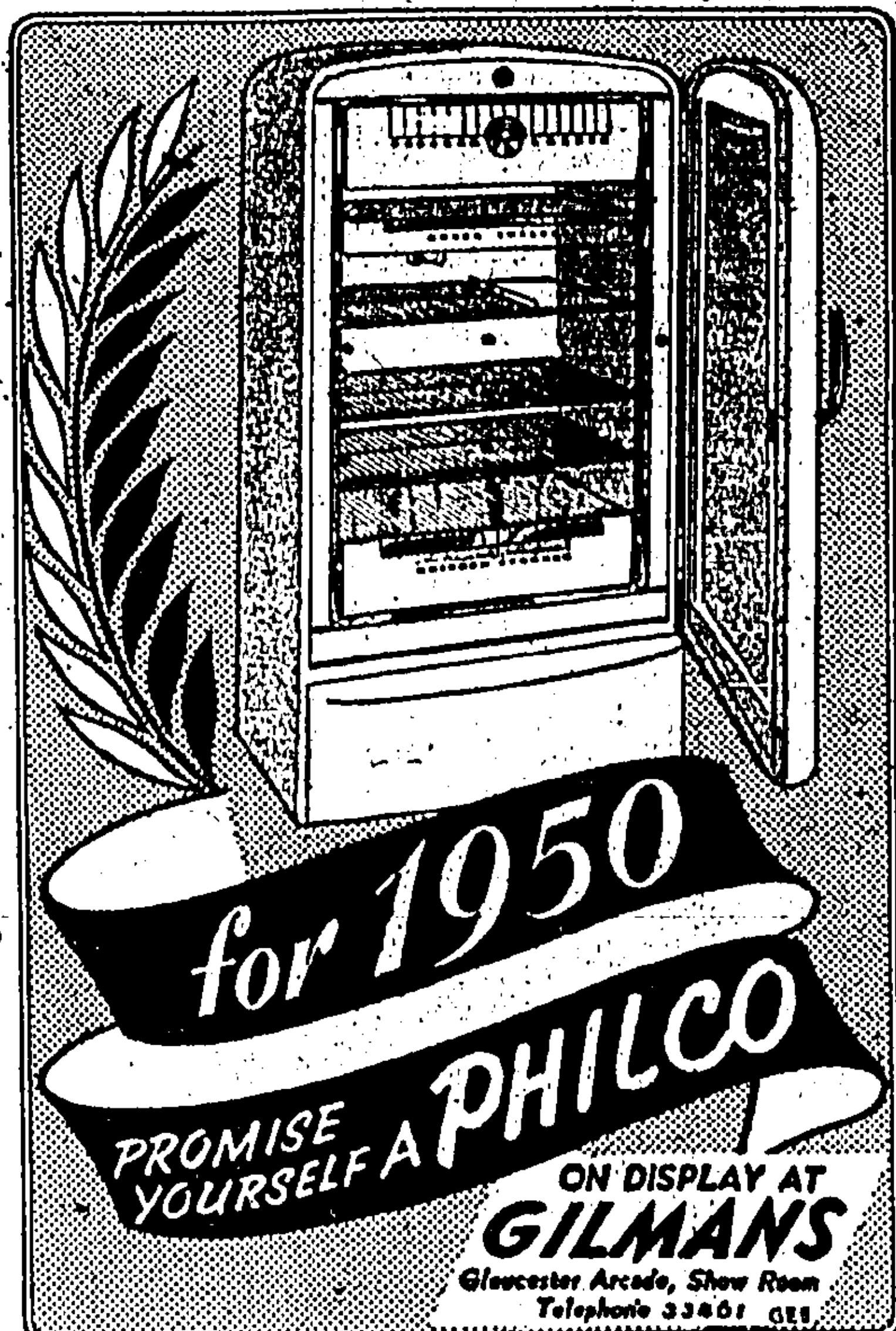
SATURDAY, APRIL 29: FOR MOST OF US: Difficult to settle down to any one job this morning. Better postpone undertakings that need much concentration until tomorrow or Monday. Most propitious though for social life or travel. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Pale Grey, 5, Topaz.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Throughout the coming 12 months you are likely to be in restless mood. Whether or not you are comfortably placed, you will be longing for change. But reshuffles are not advisable during the early months of the year. If possible, postpone them until just before Christmas.

Certain emergencies may crop up either in connection with your job or with some family undertaking in June or July. But new ventures launched about this time would probably be short-lived. Don't be in a hurry to take on work with which you are unfamiliar, or to re-organise your way of living.

After October the outlook will be improved and you will probably find it possible to start out on some new scheme. There is a chance that you may be able to travel between October and Christmas, though it is not likely that you would settle out of the country for very long.

Financial problems will be the least of your worries this year provided you don't clash with officials or the civic authorities. Whatever changes you may make, are not likely to affect your income one way or the other. You will carry on fairly comfortably until the end of the year. Beware of some estrangement developing in the family circle, probably in July. A woman relative seems anxious to break away and may make trouble in your household. But dealings with friends, with children and young people generally would bring great happiness in 1950/51.



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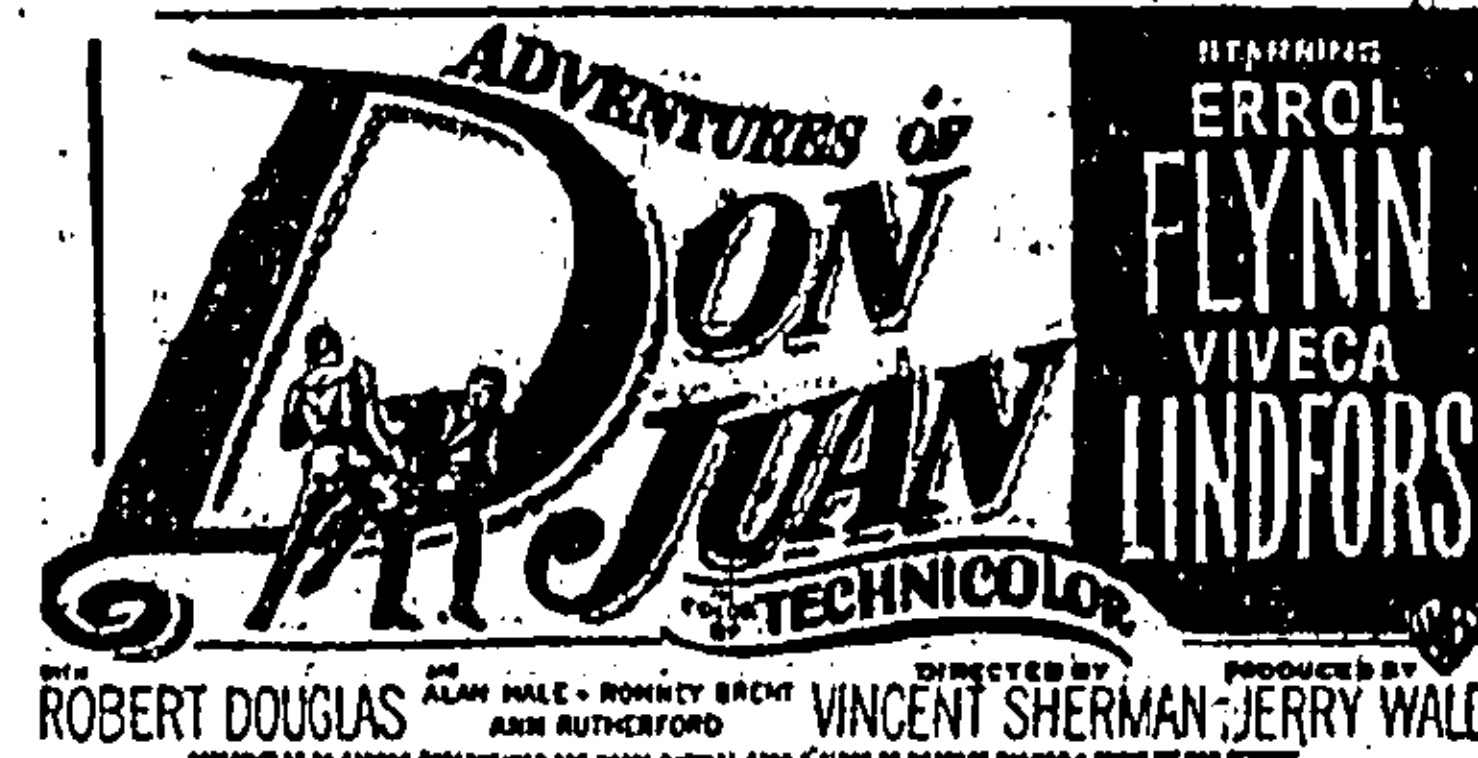


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10.05—Saturday's Sports Results. (Studio)

10.05—English Composers.

10.20—Relay of the Celebration of Mass.

10.25—The Rev. Father T. Fitzgerald, S. J.

11.15—"The Englishman's Music"—Written by Thomas Wood, Edited and Produced by Maurice Brown (BBC).

P.M.

12.00—"Sports Time"—Presented by Bill Phillips. (Studio)

12.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.22—English Melodies.

12.45—Recent Popular Releases with Frances Langford. (Vocal)

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.30—Interlude.

1.50—Afternoon Concert.

2.00—"Take It from Here"—with Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley & Jimmy Edwards. (BBC).

2.30—Jazz Half Hour—Introduced by Ben Macdonell. (Studio)

3.00—Hospitality Songs—Presented by Pamela Young. (Studio)

4.00—World News. (London Relay)

4.10—Short Story—"The Earth"—by H. E. Bates. Read by John Lewis. (Studio)

4.30—Light Variety.

4.50—"Home Requests"—Presented by Jackie Palmer. (Studio)

4.55—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

5.00—"A Shakespeare and Wordsworth Anthology." (London Relay)

5.30—Services Even Song—Conducted by the Rev. L. Davies. R. N. (Studio)

5.40—"Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Week's Programme. (Studio)

7.10—"Weekly News Letter." (London Relay)

7.30—Dinner Music.

8.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

8.15—Recital by Tito Schipa. (Tenor).

8.30—"Mary Lovelace"—A Dramatization of Anthony Trollope's Novel "The Eustace Diamonds." (BBC)

9.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

9.10—Weather Report.

9.15—Interlude.

9.15—Symphony Concert—Pergolesi's Concerto in C Major. Evelyn Rothwell (Oboe) and the Halle Orchestra. Conducted by John Barbirolli.

9.40—Schumann's Concerto in A Minor. Op. 54. Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

10.20—English Social History.

10.40—Kentucky Minstrels.

11.10—Radio News. (London Relay)

11.15—Weather Report and World News. (Recorded Relay)

11.25—Epilogue—Conducted by the Rev. Father R. W. Gallagher. S. J. (Studio)

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Washington, April 21.

Owen Lattimore said today that he differed sharply from the Communist Party line for China at the time Louis Budenz says he was regarded as a member of a Communist Party "cell".

Mr. Lattimore told a news conference that in 1944, when Mr. Budenz claims the official Party line was to regard Mr. Lattimore as a Communist, he (Lattimore) actually still had faith in the Chinese Nationalist Government of Chiang Kai-shek.

A that time, the Communist line, according to Mr. Lattimore, was to oppose Chiang as a "fascist".

Mr. Lattimore said Senator Joseph McCarthy had reached a new low in attacking the former Secretary of State, George Marshall, last night. He said General Marshall was being beaten with the stick of the China lobby by its stooge Senator McCarthy.

He said: "The Chinese Nationalist lobby is participating in a conspiracy to destroy the effectiveness of our State Department to force us to commit our fortune and our lives to the support of a handful of discredited officials." He added that the conspiracy was a grave and sinister danger to the United States and asked for a Congressional investigation of the lobby.

Earl Browder, deposed Communist Party chairman, said in New York that he had never made any reference to Mr. Lattimore being a Communist. He branded as false Mr. Budenz's testimony that he, Browder, had been one of the several top Reds who identified Mr. Lattimore as a member of the Communist "cell" in the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Mr. Lattimore also said Mr. Budenz's charges against him were based on gossip and hearsay and he denied the charge that he had tried to sell the Americans the idea that the Chinese Communists were mere agrarian reformers.

Freda Utley

Mr. Lattimore said he had met Freda Utley, former member of the British Communist Party who, Senator McCarthy says, identified Lattimore as one friendly toward totalitarian regimes.

Mr. Lattimore said he met Miss Utley in Moscow in 1935 while on a brief visit, then later in London and again in 1938 when she called on his house in Baltimore.

He said he was sorry for her because her husband had been seized by the Russian secret police and he and his wife put her up for weeks in their home and helped in her lecture engagements.

He did not make it clear whether Miss Utley had broken with the Communist Party when she stayed with the Lattimores, but said, "When I first knew her, she was working for the Russians. Immediately after that, she said

her husband had been seized by the OGPU and my wife and I were sorry for her." Senate Communist investigators today subpoenaed Bella Dodd, former Communist, and two Federal Bureau of Investigation informants to testify on Tuesday in connection with the Lattimore case. Edward Morgan, chief Committee counsel, said the witnesses, besides Miss Dodd, would be Lawrence Kerley of the "New York Journal-American" and John Huber, for 10 years an FBI undercover agent. They and ex-Communist Louis Budenz will be questioned in secret by the Senate Foreign Relations investigating sub-committee.

"Serious turn"

Miss Dodd was expelled from the Communist Party last year. In an affidavit, made public yesterday, she said she had never heard Owen Lattimore mentioned by Party leaders or friends of the Party as a Party member or friend of the Party. This statement was in direct contradiction to the testimony given before the Committee by Mr. Budenz.

Meanwhile, the Republican Senator Ralph Flanders said today that certain links between the Moscow Party line and American policy in China seemed to have been established by the Senate investigators. He said in a Senate speech today on testimony by Louis Menzies that the inquiry had taken for the moment, at least, a more serious turn.

The Under-Secretary of State, John Pucifly, said in a radio interview with the columnist Marquis Childs today that Senator McCarthy had handed Soviet propagandists one of the juicier items they have had in a long time.

Reports to the State Department from all over the world indicated that irresponsible attacks on the Department are gravely undermining United States prestige abroad.—United Press.

Rediffusion

A.M.

7.00—Up With The Sun.

7.15—News & Weather Report.

8.30—Morning Music.

9.00—Sunday Variety.

10.15—"Exploring Hong Kong" by Claude Thornhill and his Orchestra.

10.25—Church News.

Light Music.

Organ Melodies.

P.M.

12.30—"Sur Les Bords de la Seine" by Claude Thornhill.

1.15—News & Weather Report.

1.30—Popular Concert.

2.00—Afternoon Music.

4.00—Curtain Call.

4.30—The Time Tunes.

5.00—Music Hall Varieties.

5.30—Acce Concert Party.

6.00—Folies Favourite.

6.30—Just For Fun.

6.45—"Happy Birthday" and "The Top Symphony".

7.00—"The Gracie Fields Show".

7.30—"Songs of the Nations".

7.45—Listen to Liberty.

8.00—D.I.C. News.

8.10—Local News.

8.15—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra.

8.30—Eastern Chorus.

8.45—Songs from the Shows.

9.00—Organ Melodies.

9.15—"Classics for Today".

9.30—"London Playhouse".

10.00—D.I.C. News.

10.10—Local News.

11.00—A Date with Dreamland.

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London, April 21.

The Labour and Conservative Parties will fight for power again next month when over three-quarters of the country's 34,000 electorates qualify to vote in the local Government "general elections."

Both sides are preparing for an all-out fight for supremacy in these contests—in which 26,000,000 people will vote for 7,800 County, municipal and urban Councils.

Conservatives in the past two years have recovered a large proportion of the 3,000 local Government seats which they lost to Labour in contests after the 1945 General Election.

Over 14,000 candidates will stand in the forthcoming elections, which will be spread out over the week from May 8 to May 13.—Reuter.

Budget fireworks ahead

London, April 21.

The Conservative Opposition in the House of Commons is generally expected to challenge a division on the new tax of 8d. a gallon on petrol and also on the new purchase tax on commercial vehicles when the debate of the Budget is continued next week.

If the Labour Government, with its precarious majority of four, is defeated on its Budget, it would almost certainly resign. With the nine Liberals in the House reported to be ready to support the Conservatives, the fate of the present Government will probably depend on the number of invalids on each side.

The vital challenges to the Government are likely to come on Wednesday but there is also a possibility of an important division on Monday evening on the question of restricting amendments dealing with the purchase tax.

In former years, so many minor amendments were put forward that the Government, then enjoying a big majority, introduced a measure of restriction in order to save time.

Whether, with their much reduced majority, they "can" still enforce this time-saving device, remains to be seen.—Reuter.

ACTRESS WED

London, April 21.

Rosamund John, British stage and film actress, was married today to John E. Silkin, son of Lewis Silkin, former Minister of Town and Country Planning in the Labour Government.—Associated Press.

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Socialists under strain

Ministers and the Socialist Whips are increasingly concerned about the strain imposed on older members by the balance of parties in the Commons, particularly upon those who have to travel long distances to attend the House.

More and more complaints are being understood to have been made that the need to hasten to vote on Conservative measures is likely to be a continuous, to have a serious effect on health.

It appears that this development is lending strength to the arguments of those Socialists who favour an early appeal to the country on the grounds that by-elections are likely to reduce further the Government's majority.

On the other hand, there are still a number of Socialist leaders, headed by the Prime Minister himself, who would like (if this proves possible) to prolong the life of this Parliament by avoiding controversial issues for perhaps another 18 months.

This view, however, may be changed if the pressure on members turns out to be really intolerable and the economic situation develops in such a way that a Government with a decisive majority becomes imperative.

Bi-partisans

According to American circles here, it is highly probable that Senator Arthur Vandenberg and Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Republican champions of the bi-partisan principle in U.S. foreign policy, will accompany Mr. Dean Acheson on his visit to London for the Big Three Foreign Ministers' talks in May.

After his long illness, the Senator has resumed his active role in American political affairs with a call for a bi-partisan approach by Americans to the question of further aid to the Allied countries after the end of Marshall Aid in 1952.

Because of attacks by other Republicans upon Mr. Acheson, and his conduct of affairs during the Senator's absence, the bi-partisan character of U.S. foreign policy was most adversely affected.

The presence of Senator Vandenberg or any other leading Republican with Mr. Acheson's London delegation would therefore be particularly welcome.

The Foreign Ministers are seeking a number of highly important decisions in relation to Western policy, and in addition, Mr. Acheson and Mr. Bevin will consider the vexed problem of sterling balances.

As High Commissioner Designate for Germany, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick has been given the most difficult post in diplomacy.

LONDON LETTER

Small in stature, self-reliant, he is a brilliant administrator. Since the war, as head of the German department, he has been running a section almost as big as the rest of the Foreign Office put together.

The experiment

Londoners are still hoping that one of the most unorthodox and revolutionary experiments in the Church will not be abandoned.

Official the planners, situated on the site of the famous bombed City Temple was a great hall, a cinema, a club for the care of the sick, ballets and rest rooms.

The idea, first sponsored when the City Temple was destroyed during the war, now looks like being shelved. It seems that the scheme under present conditions is too big, too expensive and too elaborate.

Before the war the City Temple, known throughout the world as the "cathedral of Non-conformity," was the most crowded of all London churches.

New music

Music never previously played in this country is now being heard at rehearsal of the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The orchestra are playing for the first time symphonies and concertos by Israeli composers.

The scores have all been brought to this country for the first festival of Israeli Music at the Albert Hall on April 17. It is hoped to make this event an international affair, and invitations have been sent to most of the embassies in London.

On this occasion the festival will commemorate the second anniversary of the State of Israel. A part of the programme will be devoted to music for the Israeli Minister, Dr. Eliaz, who died recently and who has opened the festival.

Artist in wax

Madame Tussaud, founderess of the famous waxworks, died at the age of 89 just a century ago. The event will not pass unobserved at the Victorian Institution in Marylebone Road, where her great-grandson, Bernard Tussaud, maintains the family link.

Before her marriage to a thrifty, French engineer, Marie Gros-holtz, daughter of a Swiss Army officer, went as an orphan to live with her uncle, Dr. Gurlus, in Paris. It was he who taught her to model in wax. He weathered the French Terror, but Marie, who coached Louis XVI's sister in wax modelling, was thrown into prison and daily expected to be facing the guillotine. Instead, they sent her the severed heads of royalty to model for exhibition in the provinces.

Later, Marie brought her wax exhibits to London, toured the Kingdom, lost the lot on a voyage to Ireland, set to and remade them, and finally settled lucratively at the Portman Rooms, formerly a Guards' mess hall. She made models of Byron, Walter Scott, and of several famous murderers while they were awaiting execution.

It was a Cambridge professor who gave her the idea of a "Chamber of Horrors"—at sixpence extra.

Historic map

One of the most fascinating of contemporary publications is The Survey of London and the latest volume is no exception to the rule.

It contains a hitherto unknown map, which has been for three centuries in the office of the Comptroller of the City of London.

Now published for the first time by the London County Council, it clearly marks the positions of the old Globe and Swan playhouses of Shakespeare's time, and finally settles the long-standing controversy as to the site where some of the world's greatest plays were staged.

The map was originally prepared in connection with a dispute over a right of way from the borough across St. George's fields to the bankside inns near the playhouses.

One wonders how many old parchments of romantic interest may still be collecting the dust of ages in official pigeon holes.

Window boxes

Mayfair has become window-box conscious. In the quiet side streets—not yet commercialised—between Berkeley Square and Park Lane hundreds of windows are being "dressed" by fashionable florists with multi-coloured pot-flowers.

The cultivation of the window-box was becoming neglected in the West End until a few years ago the Ministry of Works realised that flowers were a comparatively inexpensive way of brightening the otherwise commonplace frontages of Government offices in Whitehall.

Reasons of economy confined the choice to tulips and daffodils and similar flowers. But the general effect was pleasing to the eye, and made one momentarily forget the surrounding shabbiness and wear and tear of the war and the blitz.

Now the use of flowers in window-boxes has become a more or less general and several of the big apartment houses in Mayfair as well as those few private residences that remain are gay with exotic blooms of all kinds and hues.

Brumas

There is not a doubt that Brumas will be one of the recognised sights of London this summer. Brumas is the irresistibly attractive small cub of Ivy, the London Zoo's big Polar bear.

Polar bear cubs do not survive in captivity. Frequently they are eaten by their parents. But Brumas has managed to escape the hazards of cubdom, and is now a toddler, full of fun and frolic, the most cuddle-able little bundle of animated white fur imaginable, and apparently mamma is genuinely attached to her.

She feeds the baby at regular intervals and also tenders choice morsels of meat. But, so far, Brumas merely rubs the latter in the dust and sucks them. No film star has been more beset by cameramen than Brumas and Ivy seems to know what a sensation her small cub is creating.

She always lopes off to allow Brumas to be the foreground figure. But playful and charming as Brumas looks—her antics delight the Zoo crowds—she inherits even now the temper of the Zoo's most ferocious denizens.

China trade

FINANCE DAILY POST: The falling off of trade between Hong Kong and China has resulted in local godowns being filled to capacity with accumulating goods. This condition in turn has put up the rentals for storage space.

Godowns and wharves play a considerable part in the promotion of trade. As such, they come within the category of public utilities and should be under government supervision. There should be certain restrictions on private ownership of godowns.

Government should undertake to build public godowns along the waterfront of the island and the mainland at suitable points. Godowns should be classified and the amount of refrigeration space in them should be increased for the storage of fresh foodstuffs.

Special dangerous goods godowns should also be constructed outside the city limits and private godowns should be controlled by government, particularly the rentals for space.

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What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

Controlled entry

FINANCE DAILY POST: A number of suggestion have been made for controlling the entry of persons into Hong Kong. We are in favour of strict measures.

Those wishing to enter Hong Kong should be required to provide guarantors and travel certificates endorsed by the British Consuls.

A strict watch should also be maintained along the border to prevent undesirable and unemployed from coming into Hong Kong. Special permits should be issued only to those who intend to make a visit to the Colony.

The local authorities should also co-operate with the Portuguese authorities at Macao on the enforcement of immigration restrictions beneficial to both parties.

Restrictions on entry into Hong Kong should, however, not be solely confined to Chinese.

Rice rationing

KUNG SHEUNG YAT PO: Hong Kong's present rice rationing system should be continued and improved as time goes on. As the quality differs from time to time, it is suggested that the price should be fixed at 35 cents a catty for all-broken rice and 45 cents a catty for 25 per cent broken rice.

In addition, more rice should be imported and stored. Say for instance the average local consumption is about 900,000 piculs a month, the authorities should see that a fixed monthly supply of 1,200,000 piculs is maintained to cope with unforeseen emergencies.

Our sources of supply should not be confined to Siam. It is to the Colony's benefit that merchants be allowed to import rice from Indo-China, Burma and other exporting countries as well as Siam.

Also, no restrictions should be placed on the quality of rice allowed to be imported freely. Merchants should also be permitted to sell their imports freely in the local market and also export surplus.

Hainan invasion

NEW LIFE EVENING NEWS: It is evident that the Nationalist military authorities on Hainan Island have vindicated their superiority since the battle of Hainan began.

The People's Liberation Army have effected landings at six different points along the shores of the island. The two main beachheads are at Lunko and Tongni Bay. Obviously the landings at other points are of a diversionary nature. Reports so far show that the Nationalist forces have the situation under control with the main battles still being fought in the regions of the two main beachheads.

The People's Liberation Army's invasion forces would require substantial reinforcements to be supplied, otherwise their positions would become untenable.

The initial successes of the Nationalists are, however, natural as the invaders were subjected to attack all the way from Luchow Peninsula across the Hainan Straits. They were able to make good use of their firing power.

The big question, however, is will the Nationalist naval forces be able to prevent reinforcements from reaching the invaders' beach heads?

There have been reports that the Nationalist navy and air forces are being substantially augmented. But it must be realised that darkness and inclement weather will prove advantageous to the invaders for bringing reinforcements from the Luchow Peninsula. Most important, the invaders are not likely to give up fighting despite the odds. Whether the Nationalist will be able to follow up their initial victories remains to be seen.

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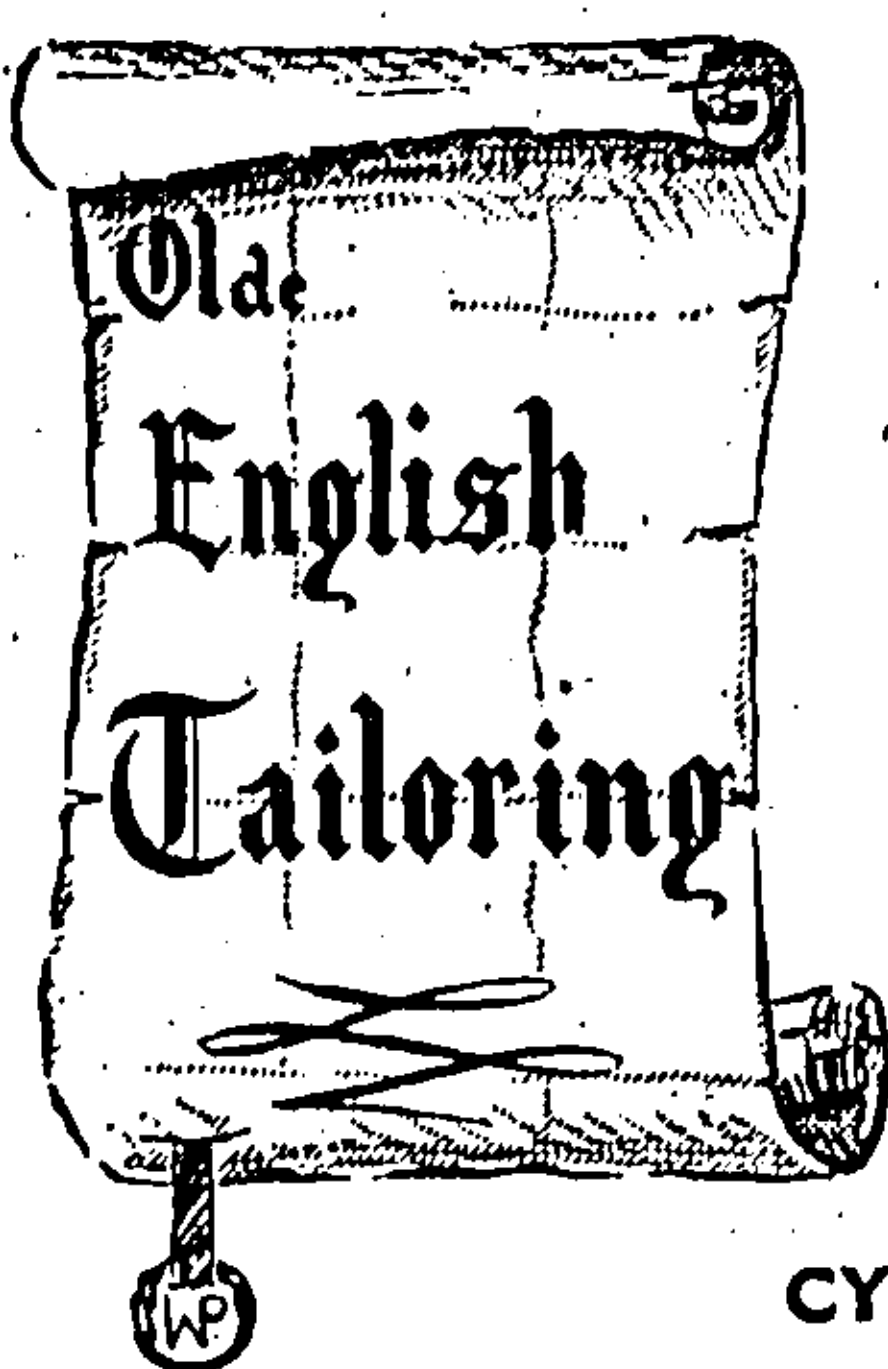
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Protest on Trieste will be rejected

Washington, April 21.

U.S. diplomatic officials predicted today that Britain, France and America will reject as unfounded Russian charges that they are turning Trieste into a military base. The three Western powers will confer on a reply, and it is possible that a joint answer may be made when Mr. Dean Acheson, Mr. Ernest Bevin and M. Robert Schuman meet in London early in May.

Russia charged in a note last night that the Italian peace treaty has been violated by the continued presence of British and American troops in Trieste territory.

The treaty provided that the territory would be a free zone under an independent governor, but no governor has ever been agreed on between the Eastern and Western powers. The West blames Russia for this.

Diplomats in Washington said that until a governor is appointed, the treaty provisions requiring the withdrawal of troops will not come into effect, since they specify that the withdrawal shall occur within 90 days after the Governor takes over.

The Russian note is considered a propaganda move designed to serve two purposes.

1. To increase the difficulties of any Italian-Yugoslav agreement in Trieste.
2. To add another case in support of Russia's propaganda claim that the Western powers are aggressively preparing for

war while the Soviet Union is working for peace.

Little chance of fulfillment

In London, Western spokesmen today refused to comment officially on Moscow's call for the immediate appointment of a Governor for Trieste and the withdrawal of Allied troops from the Free Territory, but observers see it as a propaganda demand with little prospect of fulfillment.

Washington official stated that the United States and Britain are within their legal rights in keeping troops in Trieste. The State Department said: "No Communist but officials regard the note as a propaganda trick."

Unofficial Rome observers think the Soviet note was an attempt to upset any direct negotiations between Italy and Yugoslavia over the 285-square mile strip of Adriatic coast-line around Trieste.

A French Foreign Office spokesman said that the note is

Yugoslavian attitude on Trieste

Washington, April 21. Sava Kossanovic, Yugoslav Ambassador in Washington, today expressed his country's willingness to consider a direct agreement with Italy to settle the Trieste problem.

M. Kossanovic made his statement after paying a farewell call on Mr. Dean Acheson before returning to Belgrade to take up a Cabinet post as Minister of State.—Associated Press.

being examined but it is too early to comment yet.

The main demand in the Russian note was that the Trieste provisions of the Italian peace treaty be put into effect immediately and that British, American and Yugoslav troops occupying the two international zones be withdrawn.

Diplomatic quarters in London believe Britain will uncompromisingly reject Russia's demand for the withdrawal of troops.

With the Big-Power deadlock over the appointment of a Governor, the presence of Allied troops is entirely consistent with the Italian peace treaty.—Associated Press and Reuter.

BRITISH BUSINESS WORRIES OVER THE CHINESE TRADE

London, April 21.

British businessmen fear that the new Sino-Soviet trade treaty will endanger investments in China and urged the Foreign Office to speed up the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Chinese Communists.

Under the newly announced trade agreement, Russia will supply Peking with capital goods in return for raw materials.

Commercial quarters here said this may well deprive them of access to Chinese wolfram, tung oil and hog bristles and put an end to their Chinese trade.

Within hours after the trade agreement was signed, it was learned that British business interests renewed their representations to the Government for an early establishment of full relations with the Communists.

The British negotiations in Peking are being handled by a Charge d'Affaires. It is understood that British commercial interests believe that a full Ambassador should be sent to Peking immediately to obtain ratification of

the recognition and establish full relations at once.

They are said to feel this essential to persuade the Peking Government that British business is good for China and also to seek relief from restrictions and exactions that are crippling all British business concerns in China.

The blockade

They also believe that Britain should take immediate action to break the Nationalist blockade of the China coast even at the cost of this, might cause repercussions in the United States.

They do not believe that Peking is irretrievably committed to Moscow but that through a proper approach the Communist Chinese authorities could be persuaded to see the advantage of Western trade.

British commercial interests also point out that the newly concluded Sino-Soviet agreement is by no means the last trade pact to be signed by China.

They recalled that a Polish mission has returned to Warsaw after concluding an interim agreement with Peking and that a Polish spokesman held out great hopes of further expansion of trade with China.

They also said that Herr Handke, East German Minister of Trade, has said that a German mission will shortly go to Peking to conclude a trade agreement.—United Press.

PEKING ATTACKS CANBERRA

San Francisco, April 21.

The Communist "People's Daily" published in Peking yesterday denounced the Australian Government's intention of introducing legislation during the present session of its Parliament to outlaw the Australian Communist Party as an "outrageous measure of suppression of the democratic forces of the people," according to a New China News Agency report last night.

The newspaper said that the Australian measure "followed brutal sentences of three years' imprisonment on Bill Sharkey, General Secretary of the Australian Communist Party."

"We know that the persecution of the Australian Communist Party by the Australian Government is actually being carried out under the direction of American masters," the newspaper said.

"It is closely connected with the ugly plot of American imperialism to turn Australia into an American war base."

"American Imperialists view the Australian Communist Party as an important obstacle in their way to enslave the Australian people. The shameful persecution of the Communist Party by the Australian Government shows that the American Imperialists are intensifying their aggression on Australia."—Reuter.

Final tests on new aerial rocket

By JAMES LYLE

Inyokern, California, April 22.

Navy scientists are making final tests on a new aerial interceptor rocket missile that may make long-range strategic bombers sitting ducks.

They call it "Mighty Mouse" because it packs a tremendous wallop in a tiny body only 2.75 inches in diameter and about three feet long. It is so light that a man can easily lift it and has folding tail fins so it can be fitted into a launching tube for greater accuracy and less drag on the plane that carries it.

And to top that it goes twice as fast as wartime rockets—so fast in fact that its speed compares favorably with the projectile fired from a high-powered gun.

Naval spokesmen at the Naval Ordnance test station here refuse to say whether or not it will carry proximity fuse but such a fuse would make it doubly deadly.

Armed with a tiny radar fuse even a near miss might knock an enemy plane out of the sky. I just saw a "mighty mouse" fired from a Douglas sky raider at a chalk circle on the desert sand.

Lieutenant Commander J. M. Weslowski approached the target at 5,000 feet and entered a shallow dive. At 2,000 feet and a range of 2,000 yards he fired eight rockets in one second. All eight hit the edge of the 150 foot circle. Had the pattern been centered all eight would have fallen within the circle.

If that accuracy is normal it indicates that the effective range of the lighter plane armament has been increased by 500 yards. It also indicates that the interceptors would stand a good chance of hitting modern long range bombers since the latter have big wing spans.—United Press.

WHITE HOUSE TO GO FORMAL

Washington, April 21. President Truman weekly Press conferences will be more formal in future.

Reporters will be obliged to identify themselves before asking questions.

Each reporter will have to stand, gain recognition, and state his name and whom he represents, before asking his question.

Instead of crowding informally around the President's desk, correspondents will be seated.

About 150 reporters, representing the world Press, usually attend Mr. Truman's conferences. Mr. Charles Ross, White House Press Secretary, said that the change is mainly for the convenience of the Press and will enable all to see and hear.—Reuter.

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U.S. DEMANDS AN APOLOGY

Washington, April 21.

The United States demand an apology today from Czechoslovakia for alleged improper acts of Czech secret police against an American Embassy employee, Miss Katharine Kosmak.

The note, made public by the State Department, charged that the police violated the most fundamental human rights in trying to entrap Miss Kosmak, Director of the United States Information Service Library at Prague.

Miss Kosmak, in an affidavit, declared that the police used fear and threats to force her to misrepresent the activities of the Information Service.—Reuter.

PEKING ACCUSES BRITAIN

San Francisco, April 21.

The British Government was last night accused by a Chinese Communist broadcast of deliberately and without reason rejecting transit visas to Chinese students desiring to return to China via Hong Kong to participate in their country's reconstruction.

The students, including scientists affected, are in Britain, America and France, the broadcast said.—Reuter.

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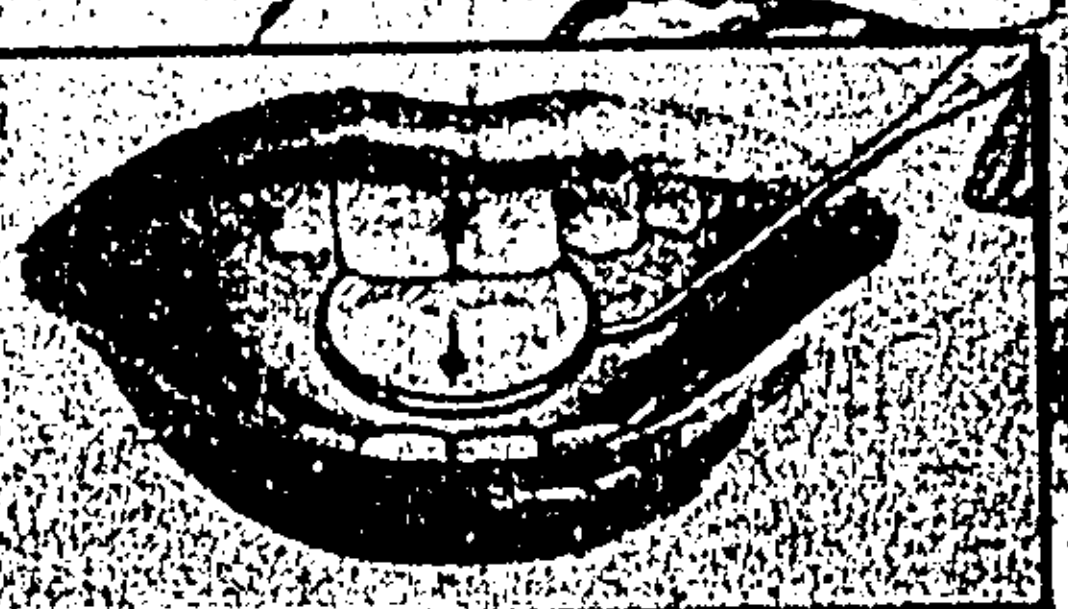
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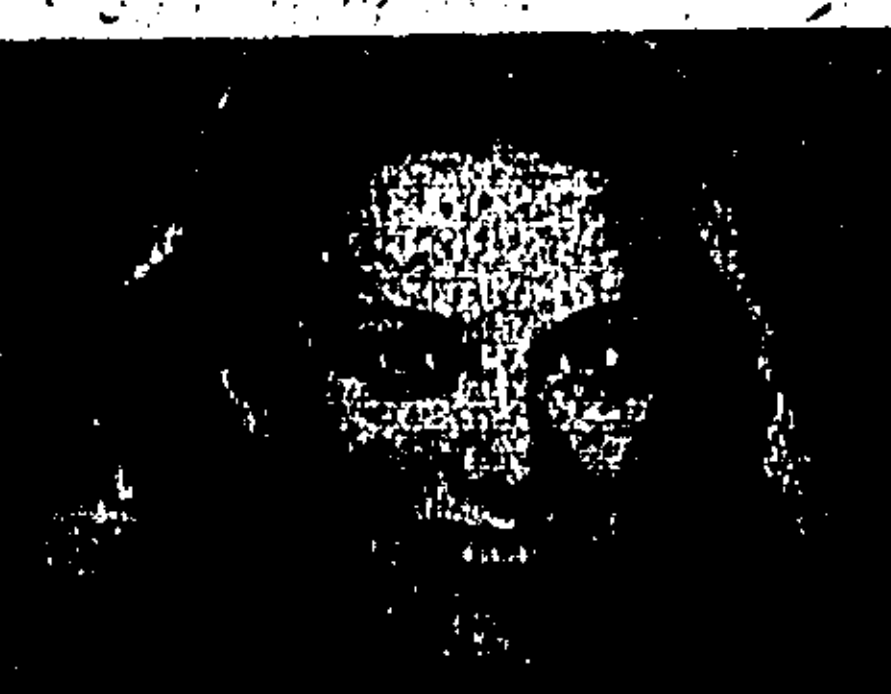
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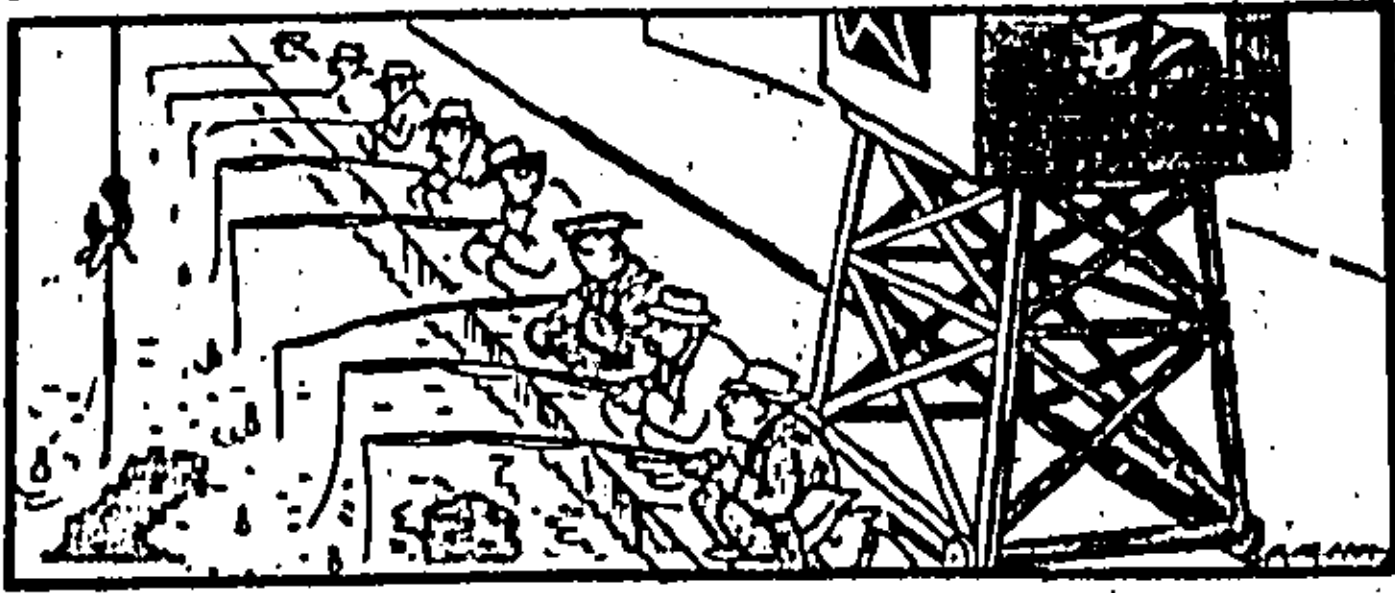
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Behind the political scene

By Alastair Forbes



"It's one of the party Whips. Clem—wants leave to attend his granny's funeral!"

Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

Recently we read Andre Maurois's warning to married people to be careful of their friends.

Most of us, I think, read it from the viewpoint of husband or wife whose marriage might be affected by paying attention to unwise influence. I doubt if many of us saw ourselves as the interfering, saucy, or well-meaning busy-body of a friend. That COULDN'T be us, could it?

I mean, when we see two of our closest friends hovering on the brink of divorce we don't quietly push them over. No? I wonder.

Let's say we have a dull day ahead when the phone rings. It is our friend Mary Jones, and she sounds more than a little distraught. Mary wants to know can she come to see us? Something awful has happened.

"Same thing?" we ask in a tone deep with fatal understanding (but at the same time cautious, because you never know on the telephone).

"Yes, only worse," says the wobbly voice.

"Come on over," we tell her.

We are ready

Do we stop to think that it is probably only a storm in a teacup and, smiling to ourselves, prepare a cup of tea to drown it in? We do not. We make coffee, and think it isn't going to be such a dull morning after all.

By the time this friend we are so fond of arrives we are in a fine state of sympathy. Half an hour later we are saying to each other: "We think she wants to hear."

"Marriage in your case isn't a word, my dear, it's a sentence. Certainly you would be mad to stand any more... yes, I hear it is quite easy in these days to get a divorce...."

But if you do not mind my asking, what the devil do we know about it really?

Our own lives

Constructive advice is difficult enough; but by what right do we give advice which is destructive? All our lives we humans try to communicate to each other our thoughts, ideals, and reactions.

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But in reality we must live alone within the life that is peculiarly our own.

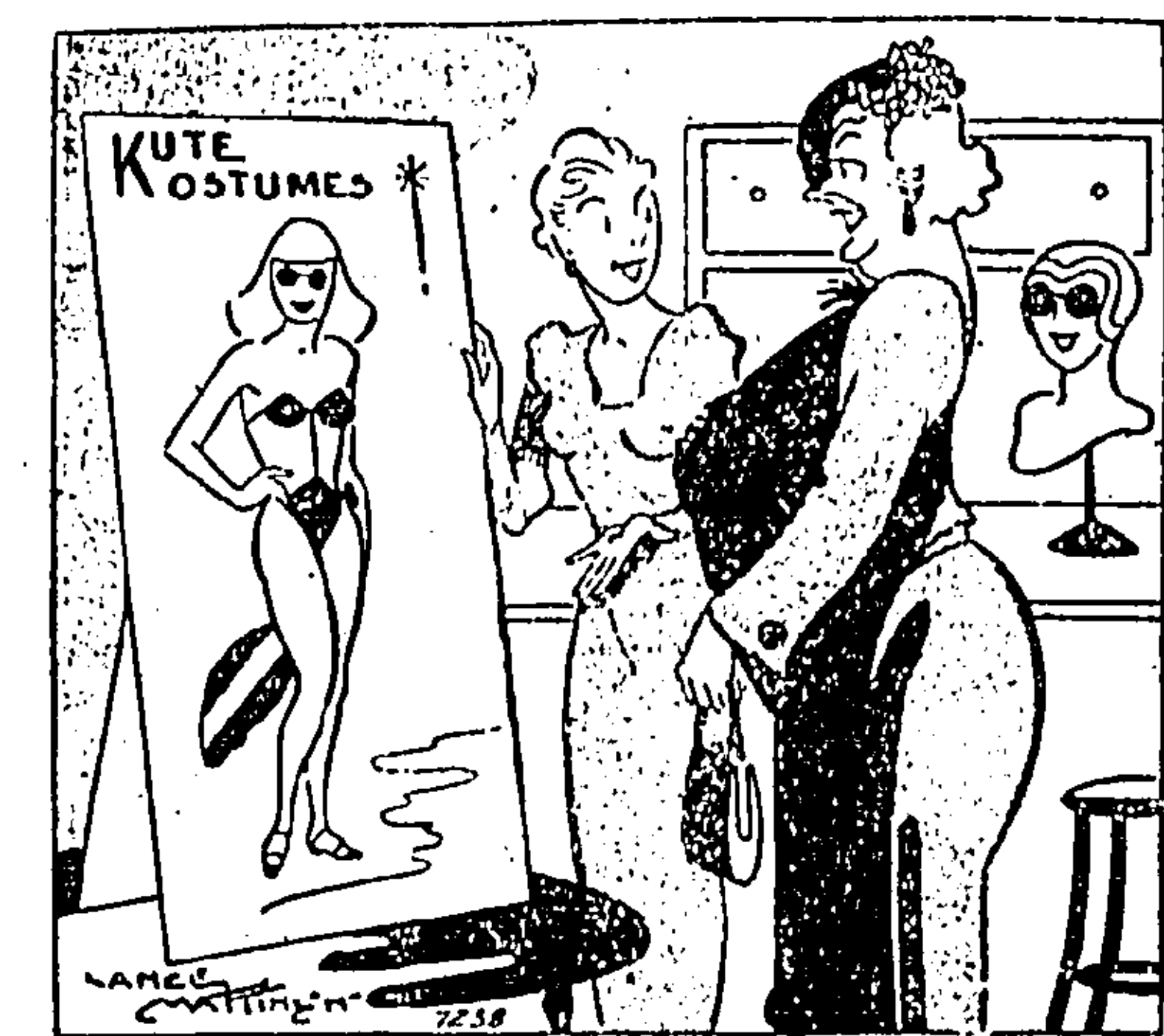
The nearest we ever get to anyone is through love and the time of shared experience. Marriage produces, or should produce, something akin to mental telepathy.

A husband and wife are, of all people, the most likely to have a fairly true understanding of each other's minds. That is what enables them to fight so bitterly.

We get a wonderful vicarious thrill out of this one. Whow! Tell us all, we beg breathlessly.

So she does. The man sounds like all our dreams come true—a cross between a film star and Voltaire. It's funny that his picture reminds us strangely of our friend's husband. The one she is so bored with.

To show what a dependable friend we are, we offer to take care of her children while she unravels the tangled skein of her



"Would you like this style?"

They know just where it hurts most.

Suppose we stop fanning the fire with our sympathy and try to show friend Mary a reason for her tears. So Mr. Jones got a little spiffed again, did he, even as we guessed.

It is beyond us

Suppose we ask dear Mary if it couldn't have been because she herself not only never touches a drop (which is her business), but at every party Mr. J. can feel her watching eyes... just waiting and expecting him to do it again.

It might be a good idea if we stopped being so perfectly darling and told our chum to dry her eyes and go on home. Be a fearful pickie and get a teensy bit spiffed too, if it will help... but go home. We are not advocating intemperance. We just know that Mary's husband is a nice fellow—who needs a little wifely diplomacy.

Anyway, whatever they really fought about is probably too deep and complex with past history for us to discover the truth. And if she is going to leave home, let's not have it on our conscience. And then there is the glamorous friend who confides in us that she is madly in love with another man.

Oh, goody, goody! This is the work!

We sit in smug domesticity surrounded by our smug family and

love-life. And just to be really easy we remember, and bring up every tiresome thing we can think of about her husband.

Although she loved him enough to marry him once, she is supposed to enjoyed this.

If we were true friends and not cinema-fied half-wits, we would ask our fickle jade to take a pull at herself.

"What makes you think," we might ask, "that this one is going to be any better than the other? Could it be, my pet, that you just like a little variety, a little change?"

"Well, that may be fine until you strike a man who likes it too. Changing boats in midstream is a tricky business."

Not in our house

It is not for us to assume an attitude of holier than thou; only when confronted with troubled waters, surely—without being unspeakably pompous—we could reach for the oar.

We know well enough that we cannot mend lives that are really broken. But we may well be the deciding factor sometimes in lives that are only a little bent.

If marriages are made in Heaven let us make sure that divorces are not manufactured over the tea-table. Not in our house, anyway.

THE MISSING PLANE

The much-advertised Russian spring Peace Campaign has opened in typical fashion, with the shooting down of an unarmed American aircraft.

It is no doubt part of current Soviet psychological warfare to inspire in Western peoples as much fear of an actual outbreak of hostilities as possible, and for that reason the severe restraint displayed by Mr. Secretary Acheson, despite provocation in the opposite sense from the hysterical fringe of Congress, must be highly commended.

Nevertheless, the implications of the Baltic incident are pretty disturbing. There is nothing surprising in a breach of the laws of humanity or international decency on the Soviet Union's part. The pains taken by Communist propaganda to explain and to glorify such a breach for internal as well as foreign consumption would seem to indicate that Russian public opinion is now, like the Russian economy and military machine, placed by the State controllers on a war footing.

No comfort

There is probably not much comfort to be derived from the confirmation which the incident has provided of the fallibility of the Russian aircraft recognition service. Some nervous people in this country have, after the Swedish fashion, allowed themselves to be so taken in by Moscow's propaganda as to echo its accusations of gratuitously provocative American espionage.

It is true that the United States have never recognised the Russian conquest of Latvia, hundreds of thousands of whose luckless inhabitants, among whom were so many innocent refugees from tyranny, and whose right to nationhood was at the outset protected by the United Kingdom, have been driven into slaughter or exile.

But there is no reason to suppose that the U.S. Navy had authorised any flight over the Soviet war base at Libau. The Soviet Note on the incident itself points to the likelihood of the Privateer having been shot down in mid-Baltic since it mentions that the "aircraft turned towards the sea and disappeared," thus covering itself against the possible discovery later of any wreckage or of any members of the crew, alive or dead.

The incident has unfortunately, tended to obscure the manoeuvres of the Russian Northern Fleet, with which it was closely concerned. The end of the European war and the capture of German technicians and scientists, along with surrendered material, has given the Soviet Union a vast and up-to-date submarine fleet capable of sweeping what is left of the British Navy from the seas which once it dominated, and across which our supplies must continue to come if we are not to starve.

No Man's Land

Some Socialists pretend that the present tension merely reinforces their curious demand that Germany should be turned into a "No Man's Land" or neutral buffer between the two great blocs. If such a scheme of massive insulation had anything to recommend it, it would not be Germany, that could passively carry out in it the task required of her.

Of all peoples, the Germans surely have the least aptitude for

the role of No Man's Landers. If the Germans are not allowed to be with us, they will be against us. It is madness to think otherwise. Before the year is out, Russia's stooges in the Eastern Zone will have got their parts pat, and will seek to throw their Western neighbours and relations into the confusion out of which Communism counts on conquering.

Differences between the occupying Allies have left the Federal Republic in a dangerous defeatist state, ill prepared to withstand the temptations which Russia will hold out to nationalist passions. "There is more that binds us to Bolshevism," said Adolf Hitler once, "than separates us from it. I have always made allowance for this circumstance and given orders that former Communists must be admitted to the Party at once. The petit bourgeois social-democrat will never make a Nazi, but the Communist always will."

European collapse

His old ally Stalin understood this truth, and since 1945 a similar welcome has awaited amenable Nazis in the Communist Party.

It is reliably reported that Mr. McCloy, the American High Commissioner in Germany, believes that there is now little more than 18 months left in which to begin to assimilate Germany into Western Europe in a manner sufficiently strongly based to prevent her absorption into the Russian orbit and the consequent collapse of the whole European continent before the Communist cause, at present making notable reverses in the ports of France and Italy.

But Mr. McCloy is not carrying his British and French colleagues along with him at sufficient speed. In London the other day, after a conversation with Mr. Churchill, he stated that he was "thinking with" the Opposition Leader on these topics, and that is as good as saying that he is thinking very differently from Mr. Bevin.

The alternative to the McCloy-Churchill policy is the early rearmament of Germany by Russia and the total waste of five years' Marshall-aided resistance to Russian cold war. If the May Atlantic Conference does not face this and take rapid action to create a more closely knit Atlantic-European group, the Russian momentum will in two years or less become irresistible.

Beside such grave issues Britain's Budget may seem of scant importance. The continuance of the pre-electoral atmosphere, that has not so much frozen as petrified the national economy, makes the chances of a courageous Budget remote.

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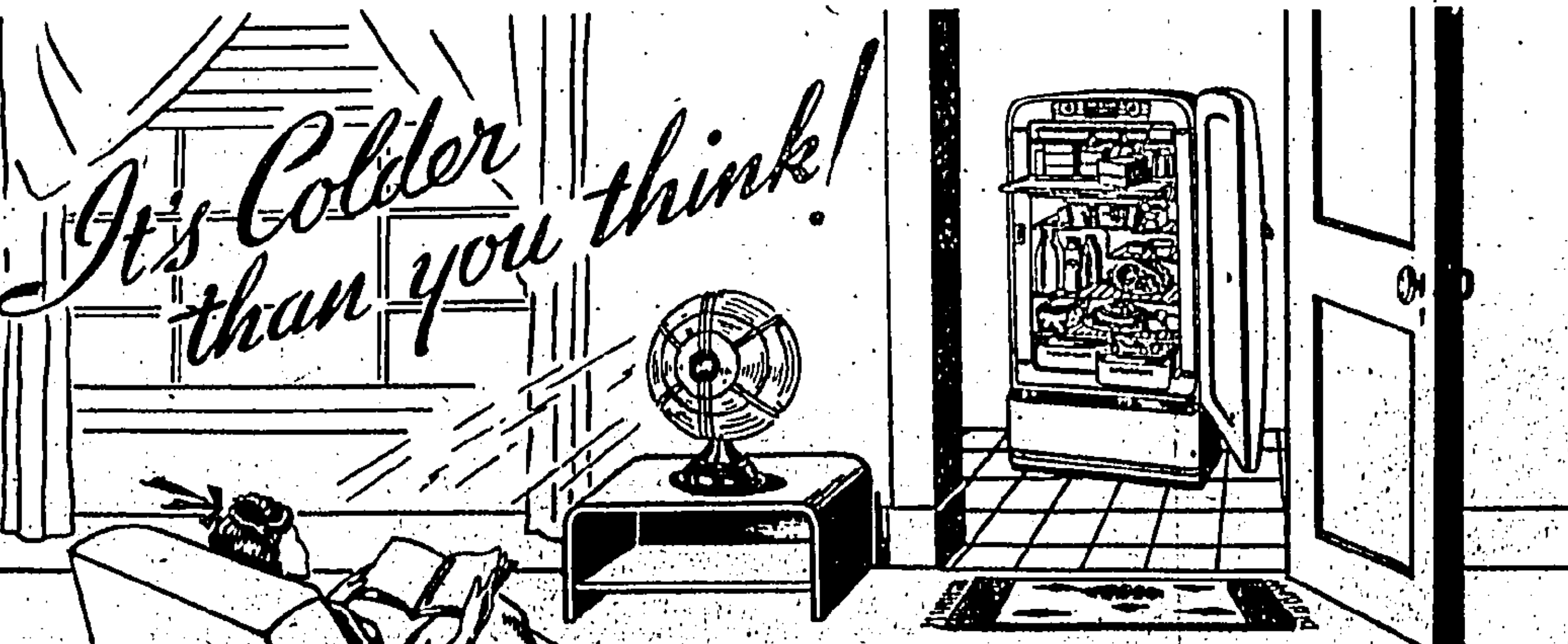
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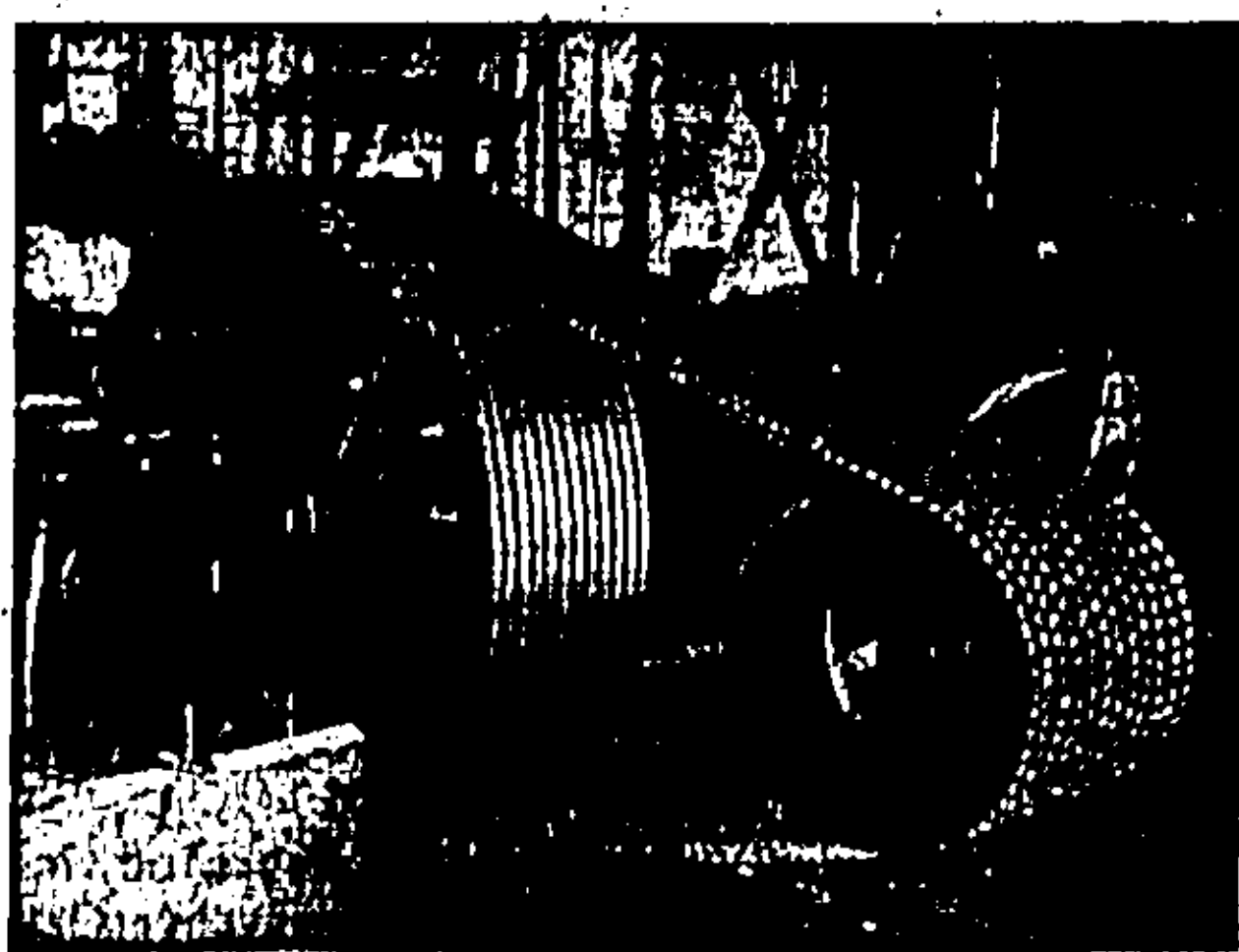
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On holiday

Mr. William O'Neill, Reuters Far Eastern manager, left Hong Kong for Saigon last week on a combined business-pleasure trip. After settling some business matters in the Indo-Chinese capital he will fly to Britain to undergo medical treatment for an acute case of rheumatism.

He will return to the Colony in a few months. While Mr. O'Neill is away, Reuters' affairs will be handled by Mr. Graham Barrow and Mr. Henry Bough, the doyen of agency correspondents here.



Mr. William O'Neill

Mr. O'Neill is one of the most popular news agency men on the China coast. He is well-known in Tientsin, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

He first came to Shanghai in 1910 and was attached to a commercial firm. A keen sportsman all his life, he participated on one occasion in a Shanghai Walking Match when the local Irish swept the board because it was said, Mr. Stitt, manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and chairman of the St. Patrick's Society, scattered six-pences over the course and held up the Scots entrants.

He was also associated with the Shanghai Field Artillery, which in those days was commanded by Mr. R. Davis, of the "North-China Daily News." Mr. Davis has since retired in Canada.

Mr. O'Neill joined Reuters in 1924, and immediately formed an intimate friendship with Mr. Christopher Chancellor, now general manager of the Reuters world organisation, and one of the key men in British newspaper circles. Mr. Chancellor is the man who introduced Reuters into South America, thus breaking the hold of the French news agency there. He also ended the long-standing feud with the Associated Press of America and established cordial relations with AP's Mr. Kent Cooper.

Mr. O'Neill represented Reuters in Hankow and Tientsin before coming to Hong Kong in 1932. He remained here during the years leading up to the war with Japan, and was interned a month after Pearl Harbour.

Internment offered a unique opportunity for him to get to know nearly everybody in Hong Kong, and he has cherished many friendships since then. He was the recipient of many kindnesses in camp, which enhanced what

he says would otherwise have been a bleak experience.

The Hong Kong Police were good comrades in internment as well as out of it. They did a magnificent job during the fighting, many in isolated positions, as indicated by the way several of them met their death.

Mr. O'Neill is Irish, and could have remained out of camp if he wished. However, true to the principles which have always guided his life, he elected to profess British citizenship when the Japanese queried his national status. His camp days encouraged the severe rheumatism from which he is now suffering.

He is a kindly and sympathetic employer, one who goes out of his way to do big and little things for his staff—like the jeep which he placed at their disposal in Shanghai, and which scores of Catholic nuns and priests were encouraged to make use of night and day.

His whole attitude is based on exploiting democracy to the full—he is known as "Bill" to everyone, from the most junior clerk in his office to Mr. Chancellor in London.

He has not known him to refuse any favour—from a loan which he never bothers to remember, to installing a friend for months in his hotel room while the visitor awaits the opportunity to secure accommodation elsewhere.

Big and hearty, Mr. O'Neill is nevertheless easily swayed by a tearful story. He is always doing something for other people—finding jobs for old staff in China who are now without work, even paying their passage to Hong Kong in some cases.

He is a rare individual—not at all proud despite the importance of his position. He has a pronounced dislike for pomposity, for hypocrisy. Because he is always sympathetic and understanding in his relations with others, he has no patience with the insel of cheap colonial-type vainglory, and is never slow to show it.

His broad outlook—tempered by an undiminished faith in the talents of local people—has paid good dividends, and he has always commanded the utmost in loyalty and regard. Mr. Tommy Alder, his representative in Shanghai, has been with the firm for more than 20 years. Mr. Bough, his immediate assistant in Hong Kong, has been with the office almost as long.

Ballerina in town

An outstanding ballerina, who has performed in Shanghai and studied in New York, plans to grace the coming dinner-dance in aid of the Society for the Protection of Children at the Luna Park on Friday with a special floor-show.

She is Miss Asia Mercoculova, who starred in the recent Carol Bolman ballet and the Easter Parade of Fashions staged by the SPC three weeks ago.

Miss Mercoculova is married to a young executive of the Chase Bank, Mr. Martin Hansen. She will do the "Gypsy Dance," a lovely number performed to the strains of Bohemian music arranged according to the classic tradition.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE



Miss Asia Mercoculova
(Mrs. Martin Hansen)

Miss Mercoculova was born in Shanghai where her parents had fled after the Russian revolution. The refugees—who comprised for the most part the artistic circles of Moscow and Vladivostok—brought with them to the then great international port a full opera company, a light opera company, and a corps de ballet reared in the great traditions of Pavlova, Danilova and the Moscow Imperial Theatre.

They made an immediate impression on Shanghai, which until then pursued few interests outside of making money. The Russians, with their emotional sensibilities, their Bohemianism, their gay, whimsical life despite enforced migration to a foreign land, lifted the city's cultural aspirations to a new level. Shanghai's debt to them has still to be repaid.

Miss Mercoculova was born into this atmosphere, and took to dancing from an early age. Her parents used to bring her to the Lyceum Theatre, where the Municipal Symphony Orchestra performed under the baton of fiery, temperamental Maestro Mario Paci, who made a name for himself despite frequent lapses into bad manners, unbearable egotism and uncompromising Latin characteristics.

She studied ballet under Professor Sokolsky, whose school at that time ranked as the best in the Far East. After a few months with him she transferred to Miss Audrey King, with whom Miss Margot Fonteyn, now a world star of the Sadler's Wells company, once worked. It is interesting to recall that Miss Fonteyn also came from Shanghai, also tasted ballet for the first time after the arrival of the Russians, and also took few lessons from Professor Sokolsky.

Miss Mercoculova danced for two years as a member of the corps de ballet before she was given the lead in "Tear Maiden," a beautiful story about Imperial Russia set to a exquisite music. Seven months later she was Prima Ballerina again, this time in "Les Sylphides," in which she captured the haunting beauty of Chopin's music in some remarkable solo numbers. She danced opposite

Japan's famous Masahide Kamaki, who studied in Russia and is now the mainstay of the Imperial Theatre, Tokyo.

She also danced opposite Birellani and Shevugin, who were the best male leads ever to come to Shanghai. Soon she belonged to the great company of stars which included Nina Kojevnikova, Olga Smolensky, Vladimir Markova and Valentin Ouspensky. Markova and Ouspensky have since gone to Monte Carlo to join Leonide Massine's cast, and Ouspensky is due to visit America and England later this year.

Miss Mercoculova is perfectly built for the ballet. She is tall, slim and remarkably fragile. Her hair is cut according to tradition, page-boyish, trimmed at the edge, with a minimum of waves. She walks with regal bearing and distinction, and transforms every movement into an attitude of beauty. Her soft, delicate hands give an impression of slender lilies protruding from a Japanese vase.

She was married in 1947 to Mr. Martin Hansen and travelled with him to the United States. The Hansens stayed for a while in New York to permit Miss Mercoculova to take a few lessons in the School of American Ballet. Her teacher was the internationally-known George Balanchine, husband of Vera Zorina, the Russian ballerina who once so entranced Samuel Goldwyn that he built her into a star over-night. She appeared in "The Goldwyn Follies" a few years back.

One day as Miss Mercoculova was dancing in the school, talent scouts from Harper's, Bazaar dropped in, and her performance so intrigued them that they requested permission to photograph her for a special issue. She agreed, and the magazine used her as a model for a short period.

Miss Mercoculova is ambitious, and being Russian, is unable to renounce the ballet for the conventional role of an American mother. She tells me she plans to visit Europe soon when her husband goes on home leave, and will make an effort to join the Sadler's Wells company of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. Ballet is in her blood.

Well-known tenor

One of the best tenor voices in Hong Kong belongs to Mr. Gaston d'Aquino, who appeared recently with the Hong Kong Light Orchestra in a programme at The Gaiety Theatre.

Mr. d'Aquino is planning a recital of his own later this year.

He is not only well known locally, but in Manila and Shanghai as well. He sang with the



Mr. Gaston d'Aquino

Municipal Symphony Orchestra of Manila a short while ago when he was there, and received many enthusiastic Press notices.

Mr. d'Aquino has a rich, warm voice, powerful and well controlled. He belongs to the Italian school of singing, having studied

under Maestro Guadali, who was once associated with La Scala, Milan, the greatest opera house in the world before the war.

Since then, in line the decline of Italian culture and the transference of mastery across the Atlantic, La Scala has ceased to rank as the greatest in the field. In 1947 it invoked the wrath of artistic Italy by permitting an Egyptian tenor of doubtful quality to hire the hall for three nights.

Mr. d'Aquino sings arias from the operas with understanding and feeling. He imparts great beauty to songs which lack of comprehension may well relegate to the mechanical. The rich timbre of his voice, which he lets rise and fall with expert control so that the depth of one note may be emphasised and the faulty cadence of another may be suppressed, is a treat for the ears.

His bearing, also, is impressive and his tendency to gesticulate accentuates a romantic disposition. He gives a perfect rendition of the great aria from "Aida," which I have heard many singers distort because of lack of feeling.

He also interprets Donizetti with more warmth and genuine appreciation than many singers I have known.

Mr. d'Aquino was born in Hong Kong and has lived here all his life. He is married and the father of three children. By profession he is an insurance salesman, and his artistic attitude does not suffer from the incongruity of this arrangement. He is just as cold-blooded in his appraisal of the insurance value of his clients as he is warm and alive in the middle of his music.

One of his greatest inspirations was Madame de Guzman, who lived in the Colony some years ago and taught him to love singing. He is also indebted to Mr. O'Neill Shaw, his accompanist, with whom he constantly explored the wonderful regions in music set by Verdi and Puccini.

Mr. d'Aquino is built according to the proportions of the average tenor. He is big, broad, and light-hearted. His favourite occupation is to read the lives of great tenors of the past and present—like Beniamino Gigli, or Carlos Ramirez, or the great Argentinian, Benito de Rosza, whom he resembles.

Mr. d'Aquino's debut in Manila was arranged by Senator Elizalde, director of the Manila Symphony, who said to him later, "Gaston, you can do a lot with that voice."

I feel that he is still able to do a lot with it, but a trip to Europe and America is important. People forget that dramatic tenors are unable to sing to discriminating audiences merely because they have mastered technique. What is necessary, too, is experience.

Aided Dr. Sun Yat-sen

The new Special Representative of the Traffic Department of the North-West Airlines is an overseas Chinese who, many years ago, in a burst of patriotism, gave his personal aircraft to Dr. Sun Yat-sen for the latter's own use.

It happened in the early days of the Chinese Revolution, and the donor was Mr. Kwan Wing, known to a wide circle of friends in the Colony as the "Colonel."

Mr. Kwan learned to fly in the early 20's in the United States. He was one of the first Chinese pilots to study there.

Ever since he was a young soldier in the American Army in France in the First World War, he took an interest in aviation. At that time his one ambition was to fly over China and make aerial maps of the country, which was then uncharted.

When he returned from America he wanted to open a flying school in China, but was overruled by the Chinese Government of the day, which objected to the establishment of commercial flying schools.

Mr. Kwan was later invited to join the Eurasia Air Transport Corporation, a Chinese-German aviation enterprise. He was responsible for the setting up of a "Eurasia" station in Hong Kong. He remained with the "Eurasia" organisation until shortly after the start of the Sino-Japanese



Mr. Kwan Wing

hostilities in 1937, when he joined the Army Transport Command in Kunming as a mechanic foreman.

When the war with Japan ended, Mr. Kwan was called in to assist in the establishment of the Central Air Transport Corporation, successor to "Eurasia." Together with Mr. Moon Chin, former Chief Pilot for CATC, he persuaded the Chinese-owned aviation company to its pre-defection strength.

Mr. Kwan was born in Canton. He left China when he was about 12 years old to stay in America, and received most of his education there.

In 1921 he made his first cross-country flight from New York to Pittsburgh. Just as he neared his destination he ran into a storm, crash-landed and had to walk home.

An experienced aviator with more than 5,000 flying hours to his credit, Mr. Kwan is a soft-spoken pilot whose paramount interest, after a life of many ups and downs, remains aviation.

The Chinese Tarzan

British forces in the New Territories will soon have an opportunity to see for themselves a man whose muscular feats have made him the Tarzan of China.

He is Mr. Pan Fan, an Edgar Rice Burroughs creation adapted to Chinese standards.

Mr. Pan is well-known to millions of Chinese for his screen and stage performances, in which he plays the role usually assumed by Johnny Weissmuller in Hollywood.

He was born in Shanghai and has developed a body which he uses to good advantage. His strength is prodigious. Last week he permitted himself to be run over by a Buick sedan containing 14 people. The car went over slowly, and not a muscle flickered.

Mr. Pan achieved control of his physique early in life when he took up physical training seriously. He spent many years in Spartan living because he thinks loose conduct not only destroys the spirit but the body too.

A good actor, he is often cast in roles which demand a maximum of energy and histrionics. He has often had to fight bears, tigers, and lions. He always insists on the "real thing," and objects strongly to playing on sets with stuffed creatures.

Mr. Pan is getting on in years and his step is not as light as before, but talking to him I still feel the power and vigour which his strength inspires.

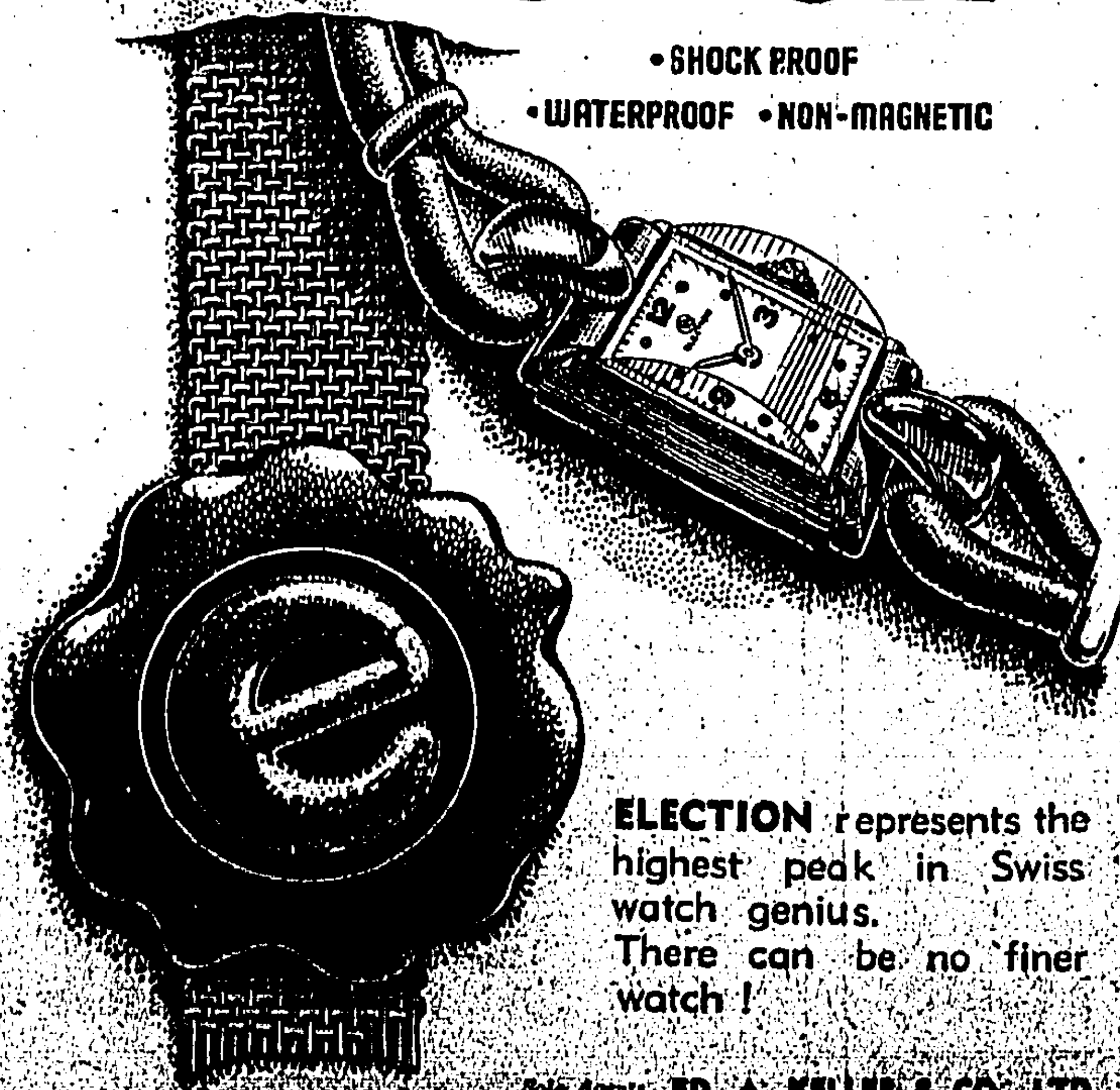
He is as unlike a Cantonese as a Northerner is able to be. His fists are enormous and his neck powerfully muscular. Mr. Pan has been invited to go to Singapore, and may make the trip in a few months.

He has acted in about a dozen pictures, and has made personal appearances in most of the key Chinese cities.

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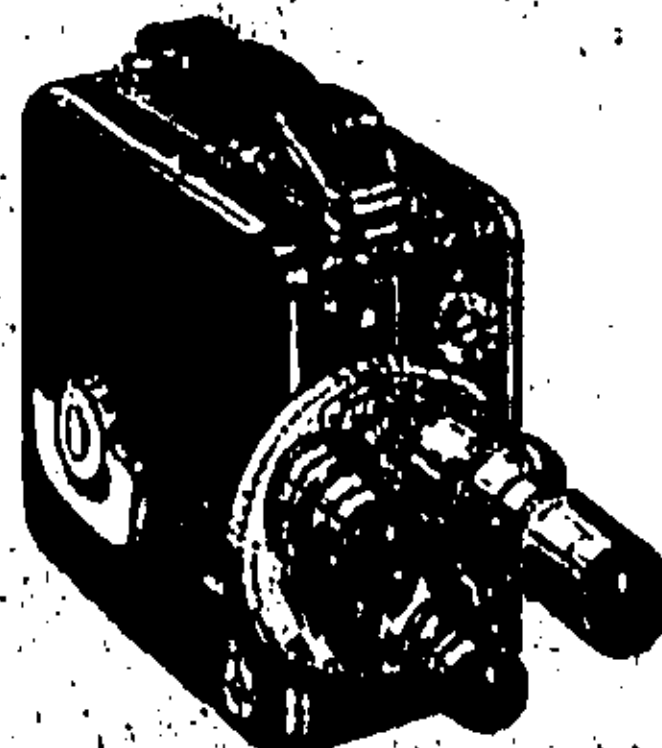
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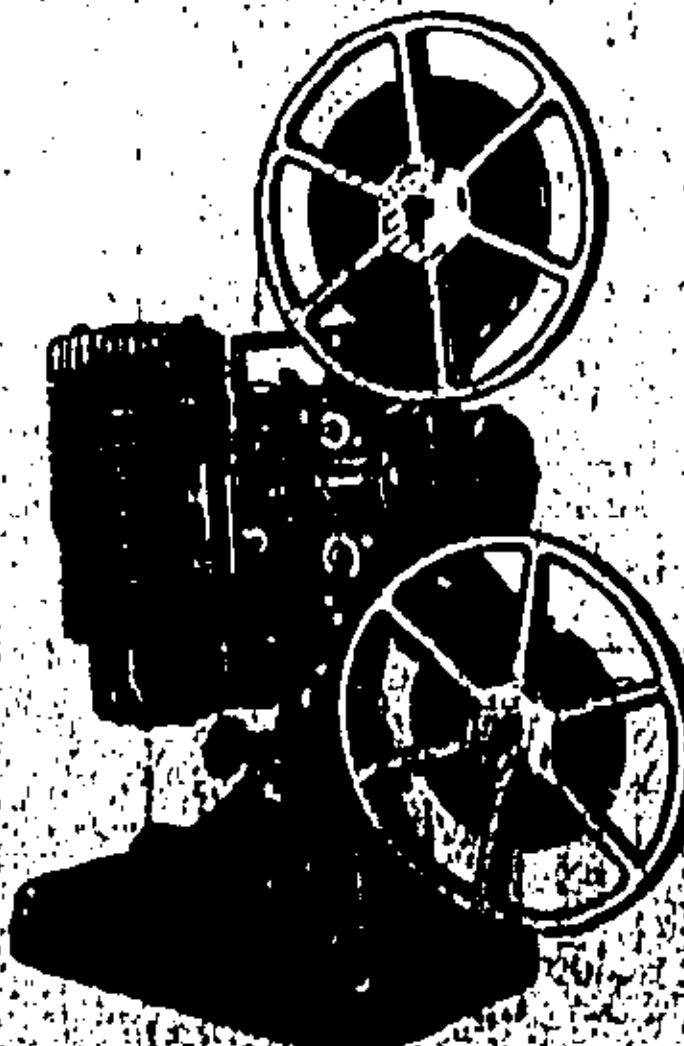


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Sydney, April 10.
Country people have been hitting the high spots but it hasn't been all carnival. The fortunate helped to steer the Royal Easter Show to a successful and providentially sunny finale while the other half worked like beavers at sand-bag levees for flood waters, or up-ed the larses et pennates and hit out for the high places in grim earnest.

Army ducks were pressed into service and the constant struggle to save life and land in the flooded areas took the gift off the gingerbread for those looping up blue ribbons and gathering record figures at stud sales, while some exhibitors were so engrossed with relaying advice to flood-bound properties that they missed their cue in the judging parade.

Most bitter pill of all for those who court this wilful lavish land where drought and flood are normal hazards, was to be cheated out of storing the precious water merely because there was too much too soon. Engineers of the conservation department wanted only another two weeks to complete work costing £300,000 on a big storage scheme, with everything set to draw off 30,000 million gallons from the Lachlan into Lake Ballyragan, when the flood water beat them to it. This Lake Ballyragan is a dry lake alongside the Lachlan which has been deepened by scooping out upwards of 1,000,000 tons of earth and building a surround of levee banks to take river water in times of good flow and let it out when the river runs low. In this way the river runs low.

Control the flow

In this way engineers will help control the river's flow and provide an all-season water supply for irrigation and stock along the river. For the past six months rain has baulked the last lap of work on the black dam across the Lachlan, just below the inlet channel, to bank up the water to flow into the lake. Now the only hope of channeling water to the storage lake is for conditions to worsen so that the already swollen river rises even higher and the water runs into the lake without the black dam. Understandably the thwarted engineers and builders

take a very dim view of the correspondence of that section of the community which advocates turning to God in prayer for the cessation of the rains.

Among the highlights of flood courage was one which enacted again the Dutch dyke legend of the perpetually wet canine nose, the ever-ready feminine elbow and the masculine habit of standing with back to the first. Current hero is Warren resident, Jim Stephens, who found a leak in the levee surrounding the completely isolated town, and other means failing, threw himself across the break, jammed his knees into the mud and hollered to high heaven until rescuers heard and brought a bulldozer into action to reinforce the section. A civilian version may only survive as a local tolerance of muddy overalls and harsh male voices, but at the moment Jim Stephens is the hero of watery Warren where frazzled men, almost asleep on their feet, have kept the flood waters at bay. The Murrumbidgee river, which is being shovelled mud and stacking sandbags night and day to keep the levee from collapsing.

Alive, alive-o-o

Appropriately, since he advocates as suitable any spot with sufficient rainfall to fill a depression in the terrain, the president of the Aquaculture Society, Mr. E. Cosgrove, notes why Australia lags so far behind other countries in the matter of farm pond construction with its immense potential of food fish. Calculates that a farm fish-pond if properly fertilized and managed would yield from 200 to 400 lb. of fish per year for the family table. Unfortunately the finest freshwater fish we have, the Murray Cod, is not likely to be in the swim as a potential pond piscis, for his growth rate is slow, and fully grown he's such a whopper that the problem of supplying him with forage fish becomes formidable. However, slugs are suspicious of the propagation of the Blue Gill Sunfish and Black Bass with which America successfully stocked tens of thousands of farm ponds during the last war.

Restrained

Surprising as it may seem considering the queer goings on in the sky in other parts, the Southern Hemisphere hasn't one claimant to flying saucer sight—a truly remarkable state of affairs considering patents for working models have nestled cozily in the Commonwealth of Nations since 1930. Over a period of eight years four different designers lodged patents and although then the inventions were considered ahead of their time, nowadays the development of the turbo-jet engine makes at least two of the plans a practical proposition.

The patents expert gives that of the four sets of plans in Canberra the Japanese details submitted in 1932 are the most workable, being based on the helicopter principle. Using ordinary propellers the 'saucers' would not have been able to get sufficient lift, but applying the terrific lift of the turbo-jet engine would certainly send things spinning. In addition to the design submitted by two Tokyo engineers, other patents lodged include one English, one French, and one Australian design. Charles Edmund Johnson of West Hobart, Tasmania, the Australian inventor, called his 'improvements in flying machine', and the design is for huge inverted saucer fitted to the top of an aircraft, claimed to enable the flying machine to ascend or descend more or less vertically at a regulated speed, and to hover. Although the Japanese design which is similar to the Australian is considered the most workable, experts say it is the French design which comes nearest to the flying saucers reported in American skies.

Further, they say that while Australian scientists are secretly designing a powerful, new, long-distance, rocket-assisted, jet-driven, radar-guided, pilotless plane to carry A-bombs, she never the less, moreover, and notwithstanding, has plans of the first inter-planetary rocket ships in the pouch. These were submitted to the Patents Office in

1941 by Thomas Whetton, a New Zealander who describes his brain child as a new order and formulae of heavier-than-air aircraft. The principles of design make possible speeds of from 500 to 1,000 miles an hour, and since, believe it or not, the 'new order' aircraft can reverse its heartening to learn that an absent minded gear change need not necessarily spell death and damnation, for listed 'advantages' include the claim that they cannot disintegrate at high speeds.

Of this and that

A pair of blue eyes that at 80 have lost nothing of the 'youth of primy nature' saved an innocent man from going the other way when their owner came out of retirement in the bush-ranger country to support the not guilty plea of a postman charged with forgery. Keeneyed William A. Ward is no stranger to the courts for in the past 30 years he has been a hard-writing expert he has made countless appearances. However, on this last occasion although the Crown did not contest his evidence it sought to test the reliability of his eyesight because of his great age and the prosecutor asked him to read the instructions printed in small and partly obliterated type on the front of the postman's delivery book. When the veteran objected on the grounds of poor lighting he was permitted to move into a patch of vernal sunlight, in the gloomy room and immediately rattled off such a volley of 'whereby's, whereas's, and subject to's as to make the prosecutor cry 'Enough.' Runner-up in the same age group of high-powered optics is E. J. Beard of Brisbane, doyen of Australian orchid growers. Until recently 'Teddy' Beard was treasurer of the orchid and several other societies, and his sight of his SANS spectacles reading out long lists of figures in the distributed darkness of the meeting room was something to be remembered along with the exquisite blooms for which he gained world renown. Trick that he still does any day of the week is to write the Lord's prayer three times on the face of a 'thruppenny' bit.

Good books

Good books that help families in the out-back enjoy life or endure it are launched on a personal pilgrimage by the Bush Book Club, one of the greatest boons of country life formed by women near enough to the pioneering days to remember the tedium of life in the great open spaces. This remarkable association which is non-political and nonsectarian, has absolutely no axe to grind. All work is voluntary from the collecting and renovating of books received from public appeals to the free distribution by the various transport systems. The purely nominal membership fee is unique in that for over 30 years it has remained at 2/6 per family a year, and lean times when even this small amount has not been forthcoming the stream of books and periodicals still flowed from the city to the bush as a matter of ordinary gratitude to the country people whose work is of such national importance. The system, which also serves the light-houses around the coast, operates through parcels of books in first class order despatched from headquarters and thereafter from member to member just by changing the label sent quarterly to rotate the reading matter. Members are free to use their discretion about lending or giving a book to isolated country contacts, and if some book finds a resting place in the rafters of a lonely bushy riders hut or goes into a swagman's blucy, the aim of the club is well served. Parcels have rough travelling at times and go through many hands but all things considered they serve a long and useful turn because country people preserve them faithfully which is all that is asked as their part in club activities.

New approach in the autumn fashion shows, always very lush, is noticed in the matron-models, which while they don't exactly predominate are now such regular features that there is no novelty in mannequins displaying good-looking cloths for the forty-ish. Just a little while

back 'age uncertain' patrons used to come away from fashion parades feeling as wringled as a prune and about as alluring as a Dutch scow all because designers and manufacturers never seemed to consider that any but contemporary of the 'swell lovelies' could have a yen for the new season's line. But the change of heart, and sense, as well as to cushioned contours, revived sweet hope, and the bells on the cash registers ring a merry tune as well they might for the matron is naturally a better as well as a bigger customer. The new collections have the colours, the fabrics and the 'wanted' lines, to titillate the comms of 40 who are not as frail as they used to be, but that isn't to be interpreted as leaving the sweet young things only a warm heart to defy the winter wind.

Backwash from the favourable publicity given to Kikuyu grass for the way it stands up to drought or flood conditions, with officials always loud in praise of the yeoman service this stout mat gives the show ring, many suburban gardeners thought they had the answer to the ever-green lawn problem. Now they swear by their beards they are wearing their lives away keeping the vigorous Kikuyu from overwintering flower and vegetable gardens and even eating through cement to the moisture that lies in the laudry. One 'Pro Bono Publico' even went so far as to declare that councils should control the planting of Kikuyu, and make those who planted it responsible for its trespasses. Cave Kikuyu!

The stork

When the whir of the stork is heard here it sounds a general alert because hospitals are so overtaxed that reception book-ings would scarcely be out of order, and contrary to the accepted rule expectant mothers are invariably advised to leave it to the last minute. Not infrequently the stork catches up with the speeding ambulance or taxi, and this, naturally, has been turned to advantage by unscrupulous becloaked females who have been known to snare a taxi at peak hours by requesting the hospital with a note of urgency and a pleading look; once in running gear directions change to a party rendez-vous.

In the hospitals, the big event over, there is no tolerance of luxurious dallying for negligee receptions and baby worship; it's up and out for all but abnormal cases and though there is the consolation that this is the technique of tip-top obstetricians abroad, the treatment calls for a cow-like placidity which is hard to come by in the hurly-burly of the average home where the mother is the general factotum. Some assistance with the family budget is promised at the first session of Parliament when a bill will be introduced for the endowment payment of 5/- a week for the first child under 10 years. This will be a tax-free addition to the income of all families concerned and will be in addition to any similar benefits to which those families are entitled, and,



Inside information

By Mercury

The West German Government wants a film quota system with Britain accepting one German film for every British film shown in Germany.

Italy is to send a division to Italian Somaliland still under British trusteeship.

Organised Communist disorders will start soon in French West Africa.

France's successful bid for Australian wheat surprised the British Government. The deal was negotiated quietly in London.

British, American and Canadian scientists at Harwell atomic station are trying to unify their symbols of atomic language.

The Yorkshire Farmers' Club has been invited to inspect Russian agriculture.

mirabile dictu, will not be subject to the mortgage test.

The payment also will be made to migrants who intend to remain permanently in Australia, and don't they all? It is believed that when this new payment goes into operation it will be paid to about 2,240,000 children spread over 1,110,000 families. After making allowances for migrants and the natural increase, the cost of endowing the first child in each family will be about £15 million for the year 1951, and will bring the estimated cost of endowment for that year, to £41,250,000 which is quite a packet, but Government spending the way the electors want it. This payment which will extend to everybody responsible for the custody, care and control of one or more children under 16 was one of the big 'and there is general satisfaction at the early arrangement for driving home the nails.

The United States Government expects another business slump in the second half of 1950.

The Indonesian Finance Minister has asked Sir Stafford Cripps for a sterling loan.

German prisoners of war back from the Soviet Union report that the Russians have built a West European gauge railway line right from the Polish frontier to Moscow.

A gift of 1,000 oranges from King Farouk of Egypt has reached British Royal Navy ratings in hospital in the Middle East.

The world demand for nylon stockings is so great that American firms are buying stocks of nylon rag abroad and reprocessing it.

Denmark will spend £5,000,000 on atom bomb-proof shelters.

Russia is equipping four Czech squadrons with jet-fighter aircraft.

Russia will put forward proposals for withdrawal of British and American troops from Trieste.

The United States is developing big sources of iron ore discovered in Venezuela.

The U.S. Navy is testing a new motor fuel named hydrozine. Made of air and water, it still costs 100 times as much as petrol.

Britain will protest to Abyssinia for giving refuge to bandits operating in Eritrea.

Today's Press ban — Russian newspapers are not to print reports about flying saucers. Soviet officials believe they would cause uneasiness.

More U.S. warships will visit European ports to show the flag.

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RUSSIAN REJECTION OF U.S. PROTEST ON BALTIC AIR CLASH

Moscow alleged today that its fighters caught an American B-29 Superfortress photographing Baltic defences before a machine-gun duel over Russian territory a fortnight ago. Reinforcing its first protest of 10 days ago, Russia called Washington's answer an attempt to avoid responsibility. It said that Soviet fighters answered the B-29's fire in a step any air force would have taken if a foreign armed plane made an incursion on its territory.

LISBON REMOVES OLD BAN

Lisbon, April 21. Portugal's National Assembly tonight unanimously approved a bill proposing abolition of laws which ban Portuguese Royal Families from Portugal. The laws to be abolished under the bill are those of 1834 and 1910. This would end the exile of the Portuguese Pretender, Dom Duarte Nuno of Braganza, who has been living in Switzerland. He is the grandson of King Michael I, exiled to Austria in 1924.

Portugal—an independent State since the 12th century—was a Monarchy until 1910, when the Republic was proclaimed after a revolution. The last King was Manoel II, who died in 1932. The section of the new bill referring to the Royal Family was approved by the Corporative Chamber (Portuguese Upper House) nearly a year ago. There is no question of former Queen Amelia ever returning to Portugal again even for a visit, a member of Her Majesty's suite said in France tonight in a comment on the bill.

U.S. MISSION TO BAO DAI

Washington, April 21. A United States official said that Robert Blum, chief of the overseas territories division of ECA, will leave for Saigon in two or three weeks to spearhead a United States economic mission to be attached to Bao Dai's Vietnamese Government there. The mission will probably be composed of ECA and State Department officials.—Reuter.

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London, April 21.

Moscow Radio broadcast the Soviet Union's reply to a Washington note on the loss of an American Privateer plane. The Soviet reply, handed to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Allan Kirk, recalled the previous Soviet protest of April 11 declaring that the American plane which was shot down was a four-engine B-29 bomber of the type known as Flying Fortress. The American State Department, in the note to which Russia was replying, had alleged that Soviet fighter planes shot down an unarmed American aircraft of the Privateer type in the Baltic and claimed indemnity.

The Soviet note, as quoted by Moscow Radio, today reiterated that the Soviet Government had verified data established that the B-29 opened fire on the Soviet fighter and then turned and flew off. The statement contained in the American note must be treated as an attempt to avoid responsibility for the incident, the Russian note said.

"Dastardly act"

In Washington, Mr. Carl Vinson (Democrat, Representative, Georgia), Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, today accused Russia of "a murderous, dastardly, despicable act which has been officially condemned by the Russian Government".

He was discussing the loss of 10 American fliers aboard an unarmed Navy plane which the United States says was shot down by Soviet fighter planes over the Baltic Sea on April 8.

Mr. Vinson addressed the House shortly after Moscow had rejected American demands for compensation for the loss of lives and for an assurance that there would be no recurrence. The House voted unanimously for a resolution to award posthumous honours to the 10 airmen and to express Congressional sympathy with their families. The resolution was also passed unanimously by the Senate on Wednesday.—Reuter.

UN SITUATION WORSE TODAY

Lake Success, April 21. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, leaving tomorrow on a European tour to help break the East-West deadlock, said here today that the situation in the United Nations is now worse than ever.

He is first visiting Mr. Ernest Bevin and Mr. Robert Schuman, the British and French Foreign Ministers, and will then decide whether to attempt a meeting with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky in Moscow.

Asked whether the Kremlin had shown any interest in his visit, Mr. Lie said nothing had come officially from Moscow but local Soviet contacts had been favourable. Mr. Lie said he had been encouraged by his talk yesterday with President Truman and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

CHASE BANK IN S'HAU CLOSING

New York, April 21. The Chase Bank, overseas affiliate of the Chase National Bank, will close its branch in Shanghai. Bank officials have advised Mr. Julius J. Thomson, the only American member of the staff remaining in Shanghai, to wind up the comparatively small amount of business there as promptly as possible.—Associated Press.

Claim rejected

The Soviet Government reported that an American bomber disappeared out to sea that day after exchanging fire with Russian fighters which tried to get it to land while it was flying over Soviet Latvia. After rejecting the American claim for compensation, the Soviet note said that the Government of the USSR did not know whether the American plane had crashed but if this was true, as the American note asserted, then the responsibility lay with the American Government which sent out a plane to photograph Soviet defences.

U.S. should break with Soviet Russia

Washington, April 21. Mr. John McCormack, Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, suggested today that the United States should break off diplomatic relations with Russia over the Baltic plane incident. He told the House, "It seems to me the time has arrived when we should either call back our Ambassador for a long period of consultation or completely break off our diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union". Russia's attitude, he said, was insulting.—Reuter.

DOCKERS OFFER TO GO BACK

London, April 21. Striking London dock workers conditionally offered today to end their crippling three-day walk-out.

They called for a vote by all dock workers on the question whether three men expelled from the Transport and General Workers Union should be reinstated.

"When we are assured that this ballot will be carried out, then we will recommend that stoppage is ended," they declared in a resolution overwhelmingly passed at a mass meeting. It was the first move to end the strike denounced by the Government as Communist-inspired.

The walk-out began in protest against the expulsion of the three men who were accused of being the leaders of a Communist-supported dock strike last year. It quickly spread through the London port area, rendering nearly 8,000 men idle and immobilising 38 vessels, some of them carrying precious meat and fruits. The mass meeting was called by the unofficial Port Workers Committee, which is running the strike.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, tonight called a meeting of Cabinet Ministers to consider the strike of 7,800 London dockers which has half paralysed the port. The Labour Minister, Mr. George Isaacs, reported that more than a quarter of the port's 27,000 men are on strike and nearly half the 105 ships are affected.

The Cabinet will consider the situation again on Monday. If the strike is not settled, troops may be drafted into the docks early next week. Mr. Isaacs told the House of Commons earlier today that the Government would take care to see that there was no loss of perishable foodstuffs in the cargoes held up. In the great dock strike which crippled the port last summer, troops were put in to save vital foodstuffs.—Associated Press and Reuter.



ON THE WAGE-FREEZE FRONT

Situation serious but war unlikely

Washington, April 21. Mr. Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State, told his Press conference today that, though the international situation is serious, he does not think the world is moving into armed conflict. Of the latest Soviet note on the Baltic plane incident, Mr. Acheson said it seems obvious that the Soviet Government has made no attempt to institute a real investigation of the matter in accordance with the United States request.

He said that a brief perusal of the Soviet note, issued today, showed that the Soviet Government continued to defend its fictitious allegations that a B-29 aeroplane violated Soviet territory and fired at Soviet fighter aircraft.

Mr. Acheson refused comment on the demand by the Soviet naval paper, "Red Fleet," for a revision of the Montreux Convention on the opening of the Dardanelles. No formal proposals for a revision had been made by Russia, he said. He would, therefore, not comment.

Mr. Acheson said it was clear from all recent moves by the Soviet Union that there is no sincerity in their "peace" efforts and that they are seeking to stir up trouble.

He gave as examples of such moves the note on Trieste and the attempt to say that an American plane was over Soviet territory and shooting at Soviet planes.

On the loss of the American plane, Mr. Acheson said: "Until the Soviet note can be examined I do not wish to make any further comment, except to say that there does not appear to be any new information in the note which would cause this Government to alter its position as set forth in its note of April 18."

False allegations

Mr. Acheson described yesterday's Soviet note on the future of Trieste as an attempt to disrupt the efforts to achieve a solution of the question among the parties most directly concerned. He said the Soviet note was a repetition of a number of outworn arguments with the addition of

some new and wholly false allegations of violations of the Italian peace treaty.

The Soviet note charged that Britain, France and the United States are turning Trieste into a military base and demanded the withdrawal of Western troops from the Territory.

Mr. Acheson said that the State Department had not received the full text of the Soviet note on Trieste. The full text was awaited before the preparation of a reply.

Mr. Acheson said: "British and United States troops are in Trieste in complete conformity with the obligations of the Italian Treaty."—Reuter.

MALAY PARTY SUBVERSIVE

Singapore, April 21. The Federal Government of Malaya has refused to register the Malay Nationalist Party because of its links with subversive organisations.

The announcement said the party claimed to have about 2,000 members in the Federation, but in fact has no more than 1,000. "Since its inception in October, 1945, members of the party allied themselves with subversive organisations," it declared.

"The leaders of a small subversive group in Northern Perak were found to be also members of the Nationalist Party." The Government can refuse to register a party under the Societies Ordinance if it is likely to be used for any purpose prejudicial to or incompatible with peace, welfare or good order in the Federation.—Reuter.

WARNING BY ETHIOPIA

Lake Success, April 21. Ethiopia has told the United Nations that she cannot accept the responsibility for any incidents which might be provoked by the presence of Italian troops near her border.

Italian Army contingents recently arrived in neighbouring Somalia under a United Nations trusteeship returning her former colony to Italy for 10 years.

Zaude Gabro Heywet, a Director General of the Ethiopian Foreign Affairs Ministry, in a letter to Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, reminded him of Ethiopia's fear of the consequences which may follow from the General Assembly's decision to reinstate Italy in those regions from which that country launched her aggression against Ethiopia in 1934.—Reuter.

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plan for Tummy Time
By SIR MILES THOMAS

The same air-control tower in Singapore that plots the progress of air strikes by rocket-firing fighters of the RAF against the bandit strongholds in Malaya guides in the long-range BOAC Constellations that come in from London and Sydney.

They carry mixed human cargoes of soldiers, intelligence experts, business men, returning settlers, and tourists. Never has the link between the Western and Eastern Hemispheres been more vitally important, both for peace and prosperity.

Frankly, the withdrawal of the BOAC flying-boats is much regretted in Singapore. Psychologically, they represented a link between the old Empire sea power and this modern air age.

The trouble was they were so grossly expensive to run. Now, as I look across the harbour here I see local Malayan air services, Thailand air lines, and Dutch, Australian, and American landplanes from the Far East even slipping on to the runway of Singapore Airport. The same ground staff refuels them all; they pay a modest landing fee because the overhead charges are spread.

Graceful swoop

When the flying-boat gracefully swooped on to the water she needed attendant launches and moorings, floating refuelling barges, mechanics who had sea legs to look to her needs. The unit cost was utterly disproportionate.

Today the new Canadian-built Rolls-Royce-engined Argonauts that take the place of our former flying-boats are turning a loss of £350,000 a year into a contribution of £400,000 per annum—a dramatic change. The full effect will not be apparent until the 1950-51 accounts are published. Meantime, passengers are finding that the lounge space that flying-boats had been incorporated by BOAC technicians into our new landplane designs. The central galley in our new strato-cruisers, Argonauts, and others breaks up the tunnel-like effect of the normal fuselage.

The rear smokeroot in the Argonaut, with its card table and sofa seats, is the equivalent of the familiar "Pig and Whistle" bar of an ocean-going ship. Sometimes we are pressed to provide free drinks like the

French and Dutch airlines. But that seems out of keeping with British ideas of national economy nowadays.

As speed rises

More important, indeed, than drinks is the problem of catering as the speed of air travel increases. Already we are studying the Comet's schedule. Instead of the two and a half days at present taken from London to Singapore the time will be cut to just 30 hours and then about 28.

Mark that the time-of-day difference between England and Malaya is 7½ hours. So to eat the right meals at the proper meal times will mean telescoping 30 hours' eating into about 22½ going Eastwards, or stretching it to 37½ travelling West.

Already travellers have minor problems of altering their watches and getting their appetites to suit. As well as Greenwich Mean Time, Local Time, and seasonal variations for Summer Time, we shall perhaps have to introduce a new standard—Tummy Time—to even things out.

In actual practice, using the excellent pre-cooled frozen food that we have developed in conjunction with fast heating electric ovens for use aloft, frequent light and appetising meals make modern air travel a gastronomic holiday.

Back-room jobs

And already the fame of the Comet on its trials has excited the greatest interest in the Commonwealth. To Australia in 40 hours elapsed time is becoming a realisable schedule. True, there remains much back-room work to be done. Better radio aids, better aerodrome control, and better weather checks will have to be developed.

Coming across the Arabian Desert the other day we had a tail wind of nearly 100 m.p.h. at 17,000ft. Up at 35,000ft, the operating height of the Comet, it may be double that velocity—no mean obstacle if "on the nose" going the other way.

In Singapore the aerodrome separation of RAF trainer aircraft and long-range jet-liners will have to be resolved. We're working on it now. There cannot be a scramble of fighters or a flock of pupils in the air circuit when a Comet sweeps in to land. But everywhere I find good will and ardour to implement the lead in world aviation that British jet achievement presages.

Fabian of the Yard--No. 23:

THE GREEN-EYED GANGSTER
PLEADED FOR THE CAT

Gangster "Little Augie" twitched in sudden death. Blood trickled down his chin like red river water over a flat stone. The Brooklyn street reeked of gun-fumes.

His lanky bodyguard, Jack Legs Diamond, huddled against the red-splashed wall, cursing dazedly—as yet only a small-time gunman but later to become chief of a £10,000-a-week booze racket. At Diamond's feet lay another gangster, "Tubby" James Hynes, moaning with four copper-nosed sub-machine slugs between belt and groin.

It was New York under Prohibition. Gang warfare was at its height.

In Brooklyn Hospital that same week, wounded James Hynes made an important decision. He knew he would be on the losing side of this gang war. He did not want to die.

A few weeks later his wounds drained and healed, Hynes dodged out of the hospital. He took his gun, a false name, a faded passport, and sailed for London on a cargo-boat.

He was only just in time. Capone's Thompson-guns had thundered once more down Jersey Street and seven of Diamond's men had died. That week the purge extended. Fleeing gangsters tried to run across the border to Canada. They were turned back. Others tried to flee to England.

Even the notorious Legs Diamond himself. All were refused refuge and many returned to die.

The muscle-man picks his gang

But Hynes and a confederate, Harry Klein, managed to slink ashore in the Port of London. They found lodgings among the sinister underworld warrens of Saffron Hill, and—careless of blunt-muzzled guns—Hynes exclaimed: "We'll teach these pants-waist Brits what it means to pick yourself a living!"

Soon he had a little gang of his own—and he planned a raid on a Newcastle-on-Tyne jeweller's shop.

But his gang did not include any skilled safe-breakers. Hynes the muscle-man needed a technician. He combed the underworld and came up against his first big shock.

The London thieves were prepared to be suitably impressed when he flashed his pistols in grubby cafes and evil Soho clubs. But they would not go burgling with a man who carried guns. Disgusted, Hynes almost had to agree to leave their weapons behind.

The burglary team went to Newcastle, broke into Cadbury's offices by night and began tunnelling through a wall into the next-door jeweller's shop.

Two young Newcastle policemen detected them. They were in and were brutally beaten with iron bars and jemmies. But they arrested three men.

Hynes escaped. He leapt through a window, grabbed the bracket of a street lamp. He was later caught in London, taken to Newcastle by train, and again tried to escape on the journey by clambering out in shrieking wind on to the foot-board.

Deported—but they sneaked back

Hynes and Klein got five years. Both were puzzled, why had two English policemen risked death to arrest them bargehand, instead of surrounding the building with police-cars, machine-guns, and tear-gas projectors? Hynes and Klein felt distinctly belittled.

"The way I figure it," Hynes whispered fiercely to his sullen crony in the state and ruleless corridors of Parkhurst, "the English cops don't carry guns because they're in a fool's paradise."

"I tell you—with real Chicago methods we could take over the entire damned island!"

When they had served their imprisonment, and been duly deported, Hynes and Klein sneaked back to England via France.

It was 8.15 a.m., November 9, 1937. Fog swirled along Park Lane, London. The pavements were crisp with frost.

There was a knock on the polished silver door-knocker of a flat in Alford House, Park Lane, the home of Mrs. Millicent Hesketh-Wright, 48-year-old daughter of a millionaire. Her jewels were among the most famous in London.

Maid was bound in a chair

Mrs. Hesketh-Wright was asleep. Her maid, May Goodwin, answered the knock.

Three masked men jumped in out of the fog. They bundled her into the nearest room while one re-locked the front door.

May Goodwin was sent flying so forcibly that her body slithered right over a table. As she toppled on to the rich carpet one man hit her down with a wad of cotton wool over her eyes and mouth. Another tied her wrists.

They dumped her, bound and blindfolded in a chair and suddenly removed from her face. She found herself confronted by two cold, pale green eyes. "Any noise and you'll get this!" said the squat, elderly masked man who stared at her. He spoke like an American. In his fat fingers was a blunt-nosed revolver, held expertly.

"How many telephones here?" he snarled. May Goodwin, helpless and threatened, told a valiant untruth. "Only the one in the hall."

She knew there was another telephone in her mistress's bedroom, prayed that Mrs. Hesketh-Wright might at that moment be whispering a call for help to the police.

But Mrs. Hesketh-Wright did not awake until heavy kicks shook the delicately innard door of her room.

"Wake up, the house is on fire!" shouted a deep voice, not quite English. Mrs. Hesketh-Wright sat up in a rustle of pale rose silk sheets.

"Just a moment—" But the frail door splintered open, its pearl knob smashed away, and three masked men were in her bedroom. One was tall, two dumpy. She saw their guns.

"Keep quiet—and you won't get hurt!" said the leader. A mask hid all his face below the eyes. But Mrs. Hesketh-Wright remembered those eyes.

Where's the key?

While the tall man tied her wrists behind her, the others searched her dressing-table. Then the man with the deadly eyes grunted impatiently: "Where's the safe key?" He thrust his gun into the soft flesh of her throat.

In his coat pocket was a weapon that Mrs. Hesketh-Wright had first thought must be a suit machine gun. He pulled it out. With chilled, vicious patience he explained: "This is an electric drill. You can open your safe either with keys—or this!"

He plugged the instrument in the dainty bedside lamp of the spare room, where the black steel safe stood, and where the maid slumped, lashed to a chair.

The electric drill whined softly, like a hair-drier. He thrust its muzzle against the safe's steel wall—and the noise grew suddenly to a harsh shriek. A blue vapour of steel dust sparkled and wafted away. Mrs. Hesketh-Wright saw a hole appear. She quavered. "The keys—are in that cupboard."

After they had emptied the safe of jewellery worth £20,000 a wad of 1,000-franc French currency, and £100 in Bank of England notes, the thieves went, leaving mistress and maid, bound and gagged. "Don't make a noise for 30 minutes!" warned the leader.

The two women struggled, cramped and tortured for precious minutes before Mrs. Hesketh-Wright managed to free herself enough to dislodge the telephone from its hook, the cotton wool from her mouth, and sob drily: "Operator—the police quickly."

The alarm call rang in Vine Street, where the man who is now famous as Chief Superintendent Arthur ("Nat") Thorp, of the Fraud Squad, was then a chief inspector. I was chief inspector at Marlborough Street. We hastened to Alford House together.

"The men were all masked," said Mrs. Hesketh-Wright. "But one spoke like an American—and his eyes, I think I shall recognise them again!"

The three bandits had left no finger-prints. Nobody saw them enter or leave Alford House. They had just disappeared with their loot.

"Nat" Thorp got his nick-name in the police boxing rings, where he was a fast, aggressive fighter. He jumped in, delivered his "sting" and bobbed tantalisingly away. His ruthless opponents named him "The Gnat". He goes after his criminals in rather the same way.

"You don't find powerful new electric drills in Petticoat Lane Market, Bob," he said quickly, aiming straight at the weakness in the bandits' anonymity. "I'm going to find where they got it!"

He did. Within two days he had telephoned me. We went to a tool merchant's in White-chapel Road. "I sold an electric drill two or three days ago," Mr. Frederick Goldsmith, shop assistant, told us. "The gentleman insisted on a plug that would fit a standard-lamp and a lot of fuss."

"Did he say what he wanted it for?"

"Well," said Mr. Goldsmith, "he wanted to drill holes in half-inch steel plate. He paid £8 17s. 6d., and asked for 10 per cent tradesman's discount."

"Did you let him have it?"

"Oh, yes, sir. An ordinary customer wouldn't have asked for it. He wanted 2½ per cent discount for cash, too, and I gave him that as well."

His eyes went through me

Nat and I exchanged bleak smiles. This was a cool thief. "What did he look like?" I asked. "Not very tall—wide shoulders, well-dress, tubby-looking sort of fellow."

"Remember anything particular about him?"

"Yes, I do," said Mr. Goldsmith. "His eyes—this sort of went right through me. I remember having a bit of a joke to myself—'That chap doesn't need an electric drill!' I thought, 'he could bore holes in steel plates merely by glaring at 'em!'"

"Anything else?"

"Only that it was a cold day, and he said he hated cold weather. He was going to a Turkish bath to get warm. He said he always went to a Turkish bath in winter to get warm."

We thanked him. I spent that afternoon and evening in the West End enquiring among my unobedient contacts. "Know anybody who speaks American—a tubby fellow with gimlet eyes who likes Turkish baths?"

"There was a Yankee geezer at Parkhurst a while back," said somebody. "His eyes were a purper cold commotion, an' no mistake. Been a gunman with Legs Diamond, he was. Moaned all his first winter because there were no Turkish baths in English prisons. He said they had 'em at Elmira Penitentiary in New-York, and even steam baths in Sing-Sing."

"But," added my contact, "if I remember, this geezer was deported back to Yankland when he done his time."

"That's the man she said"

I visited the Criminal Record Office at Scotland Yard with Nat Thorp and we sorted through the files. "Looks like this fellow 'James Hynes Bob' said Thorp. The photo showed a baldish man with evil eyes and a face like a bullfrog. We took it to Mrs. Hesketh-Wright, and obscured the lower part of the face with paper.

"Yes, that's the man!" She shivered, and went pale. It was enough for her that she could see the eyes.

We had a few copies printed and sent detectives to each of London's Turkish baths. "Arrest him in the steam-room," I advised. "Not even a Brooklyn gunman can conceal a revolver under a steam-room towel!"

In three days he was arrested. He had been stretched out on a couch, his face covered by a towel. But the bright young detectives had spotted bullet-scars in his paunchy stomach! And in his upstairs cubicle, a fully-loaded revolver weighed his jacket.

At Vine Street Police Station, Hynes eyed Thorp and me coldly, and recited the defiant dictum of the New York gangster: "I'm saying nothing. I know nothing. And if I did I wouldn't tell it to a cop."

"If you won't talk," I said pleasantly, "let's see what your belongings will tell us." We stripped him. The suit was new, and the maker's name ripped out. But inside the lining were the usual manufacturer's hieroglyphics. It has been made in Dublin at a multiple tailor's.

The girl and the safety deposit

We left the uncommunicative tough guy to cool in a Vine Street detention cell, went to Dublin and spent the night at Jury's Hotel.

We linked up there with my old colleague, Detective-Inspector Frank Moran.

A Dublin shop-manager identified Hynes' suit. He told Mr. Harry Goodman, he said, "and Harry Goodman," he said, "and said for rather surprisingly, in French 1,000 franc notes!" He gave a detailed description of Hynes.

The numbers on the French currency matched those stolen from Mrs. Hesketh-Wright's safe. Next job was to locate the jewels. Hynes would not have risked taking them through the Eiro customs and back. They might have been dumped in Liverpool.

So we tried all the bank vaults and safe-deposits in Liverpool, checked up on every recent subscriber. When you hire a safe-deposit box, there is only one key. The management has no duplicate. All it can do is rip the lock out, and this needs a special permit.

So when you are challenging a safe-deposit box you must be very sure of yourself.

There was one safe-deposit box that had been taken only a few days previously by a young woman. We checked her address. It was false.

That was intriguing. We arranged for the Liverpool police to be told as soon as the girl called to inspect her safe-deposit box. Four days later, they telephoned.

The last of the 'big shot'

They had arrested her. Gunman James Hynes' girl friend, a 20-year-old shortland type, had been unable to resist the temptation to go and gloat over the box of glittering precious stones. All the stolen jewels were there. She got nine months, having pleaded guilty as an accessory.

Hynes received 12 years. His face darkened when he heard this dread sentence. "Let me have the last and a shorter imprisonment," he said. His voice was a deep-throated croak—almost a sob. "Give me the cat. I fear prison—I don't think I shall ever come out alive!"

Mr. Justice Goddard, now Lord Chief Justice of England, told him: "Even had I been inclined to accede to your request, your bullet wounds would have made you medically unfit to receive such punishment."

But Hynes had spoken with a nightmare knowledge. He never did see the free daylight again. He died in Parkhurst on April 13, 1948.

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Tenderly, and with a loving solicitude, the ladies of the Federated Garden Clubs of America, Incorporated, unfurnished their orchids and up-rooted the last rose of the Flower Show to make room for a hundred-odd Bentleys, Austins, Hillmans, BSAs, diesel engines and—of all things—Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery's old staff car.

One hundred and five workmen swarmed into the Grand Central Palace after them. In a matter of days, blue cloth of fine texture was festooned all over the place, plywood and timber lay scattered in the glare of hundreds of floodlights, spotlights, lamps, and careful, devoted attendants lowered the heraldry of Old England into place along the walls.

The British combined Motor-Car and Motor-Cycle Show has opened and for weeks now export-drive executives, designers and publicity men have been worrying about things like heraldry.

The British representatives of the motor companies and the American experts they have retained have planned the Motor Show in a thoroughly American manner.

After nearly two embarrassed years watching the British Salesman at Work in the hard-competing streets of New York it has done my heart good to see Britons beating the Americans at their own game.

They have brought over the fastest racing car in the world. They have told every American newspaperman of any importance that they are bringing that car over. Anyone who passes down Lexington Avenue can read from a big red and blue placard that they are displaying that car.

Talking point

The fact that the turbojet Rover has come over is a common talking point at New York athletic clubs and cocktail parties. Descriptions of observation coaches, outboard motors, diesels (from three to 2,000 h.p.), storage equipment, nuts, bolts, petrol tanks and car hire agencies, Raleighs, Normans and Rudge-Whitworth, the lightweight folding model Papoose, the Dump Truck, the Diamler Ambulance, the semi-trailers, house trailers and midge trailers were passed well in advance around the town.

The 'treatment'

Preliminary Press conferences and luncheons, and evening gatherings, and better canapés (than General Motors had last time) were in order last week. Born publicity experts like Sir William Rootes have set up headquarters for the season. And after some days of this treatment, those who have been exposed to it are no longer surprised that Field-Marshal Montgomery's staff car is here.

They are only surprised Britons haven't brought the Field-Marshal's car.

This ballyhoo build-up to the British Car Show, which is absolutely necessary to obtain wide acceptance of a good product, is only a part of what has amounted to a barrage of British advertising and publicity during the past few weeks.

High sales

Direct mail order business has flourished, sale of British goods in the stores has been high during the Easter season. Side publicity has been given to British goods by the sales campaigns for American-made, but British-style, dinner jackets, overcoats, suits, shoes, Argyle socks and so on. The preliminary advertising for the British Industries Fair has

brilliantly taken the form of "You Can't Afford Not To Go." Angelic and leering, but always shrewd, the faces of American executives have stared forth from the columns of the better-class organs, telling the world—and their competitors that they would be attending the Fair.

Banner headline

In last week New York "Times" alone, the picture of 18 London-bound presidents, vice-presidents and sales directors of huge companies, like Macy's, Wanamakers, American Cable and Radio, International Standard Electric and even Debutante Frocks appeared under the banner headline: "LOOKS LIKE EVERY IMPORTANT FIRM IS SENDING BUYERS TO THE BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR."

A footnote read: "The bandwagon is rolling. Don't be left behind. Join thousands of top buyers...who have already booked passage." This advertising offensive has been conducted by our own men and by American advertising firms they have retained. The latter expedient has proved very expensive, considering that these firms pay even junior advertising representatives some £45 a week.

Tough job

But the task of making a breach into American markets through advertising is bound to be formidable.

Last year, for example, American firms spent \$5,000,000,000 on advertising, or 30s. for every £35 sale. Fifteen hundred companies spend £40,000 or more on advertising every year. These figures do not include local advertising in local papers or radio programmes.

Still, it is good to drive through Long Island City, past the Rootes show dressed up in the brightest red paint in the United States, and to have news of the Industries Fair and Motor Show on the breakfast table every day.

Britons have come a long way from the days in which they advertised their products in pounds.

But—as even the most optimistic and Motor-Show-happy of them would admit—they still have a long way to go.

NEW FROM NEW YORK

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, still enjoying a sun-blessed holiday at Key West with MRS. TRUMAN and MARGARET, had a letter that nine-year-old New Yorker EDWARD STEVENS wrote all by himself. "Dear Sir," it read, "I am a boy of nine years of age. I wish to graduate public and high school. Ever since I heard about the hydrogen bomb...I would like to know if there is going to be a future."

DEAN ACHESON, criticised lately for being too British in dress, blossomed out in a scorch of a necktie.

MISS RUTH TOMLINSON and MRS. MARGARET HOME are the latest goodwill Ambassadors. One, the former vice-president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women, the other, director of the World Bureau of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, have been talking to women's groups, impressing everyone. Miss Tomlinson wants a UN Fellowship to bring world women leaders to UN debates. Mrs. Home said she ought to "get to know the American Girl Scouts."

T. S. ELIOT, MRS. CARSON McCULLERS and GIAN-CARLO MENOTTI won the New York Critics Circle awards for the season. Menotti's "The Consul" has been hailed as true opera. Mrs. McCullers' "The Member of the Wedding" as the best American play, and Eliot's "The Cocktail Party" beat GIRAUDOUX's "The Enchanted" for the best foreign play title. Eliot, incidentally, has sent autographed copies of the script to members of his New York cast.



"Well, I'll have to go now—I'm flat out!"

The U.S. has its doubts

"Why should we put good new equipment into Europe to have it fall into Communist hands as it did in China?"

The questioner was a highly successful corporation lawyer in a Washington club. He was not an isolationist, and he shared to the full the present American dislike and fear of Communism. But his sceptical attitude about the Atlantic Pact, about Hague meetings on common defence problems, about the possibility of holding Russia anywhere West of the Channel if the cold war became hot, is, if not general, widespread.

Every piece of news from Europe that suggests instability is seized on by the old isolationists and by the new school of defenders of America in America (who are, of course, often the old isolationists thinly disguised).

"Is France going to pieces?" I was asked by a well-meaning but nervous woman. "How long will Italy last?" "Will you really stand up to the Russians if there is a show-down?" These are sample questions that any British visitor gets thrown at him any day in America.

Over-economy?

One of the great politico-military controversies that is now raging in America, or, more properly, in Washington, is the alleged weakening of American defence by an ill-timed passion for economy.

Mr. Louis Johnson, the Secretary of Defence, is accused of seeking popularity by cutting the military budget far below safety point. Whereas his restrictions on Navy expenditure are generally approved, his refusal to expand the Air Force is savagely criticised.

An ominous hint by General Eisenhower, that American defence had dropped below the margin of safety, has been modified by a more detailed statement of what the General thinks the United States needs, and it appears that a few hundred million dollars would meet all his requirements. But there are spokesmen for the Air Force who insist that a lot more is needed, and that it cannot be got without a very lavish increase of expenditure, and farwield to budget-balancing, reduction of taxes and the other, pleasant needs of real peace.

Will the American people realise this truth—if it is a truth? The Americans are a soldierly but not a military people. Never in peace time has the United States had so many men under arms: 10 times as many as in 1933.

Whereas a uniform was a rare sight in the old America, Coolidge's time, it is common enough now. But many of the mental habits of those peaceful days have survived. The armed forces are thought of as a luxury. And the millions of veterans take their revenge on past discipline by ribald criticism of "the brass" of the officers, especially the generals.

True, there are exceptions to this. Generals Marshall, Eisenhower and Bradley are national figures, almost, if not quite,

above criticism. But this immunity does not extend to their subordinates. And the fights between the Navy and the Air Force have not added to the prestige of either side.

There is no national disposition to believe that necessarily the Service chiefs know best. And this scepticism is increased by the burden of taxation. For,

By
Denis W. Brogan

If the Americans get off lightly compared with us, they are less used to severe taxation and less disposed to think that what they pay on the swings they get back on the roundabouts.

Temptation

The two greatest temptations facing the American politician are to cut the Marshall plan and to cut defence appropriations. And there is a temptation to cut both because the European nations are untrusting with the money. It is in this context that the Strachey affair is unfortunate. For though all reasonable Americans realise that no British Government will change a member under foreign pressure, no sensible American doubts that the Strachey affair is jam for Anglo-phobes already rubbing the real or alleged lessons of the Fuchs affair. It is just too bad!

The will to resist of Europe is underestimated, and that, underestimation is made an excuse for skimping the means of resistance made available to the European nations. So far, all suggestions of active American participation in European defence, the appointment of an American commander-in-chief, for instance, have been evaded.

The Administration thinks (and it may be right) that the American public is still too remote from the realities of the cold war and too suspicious of its neighbours and partners to trust itself completely in peacetime to an organisation—not entirely under American control.

The American Big Brother will give help and advice, will promise to come to the aid of the smaller fry if any bully picks on them, but that is all.

Flying saucers

What chances are there of a change? Easy to that change is a recovery of American confidence in its own defensive power. That confidence exists, but it was shaken when the Russians discovered how to split the atom.

The numerous stories of flying saucers, some complete with little

creatures from Mars (it is always Mars) are suggestive. And, even before an important weekly journal boldly asserted that the saucers were real and were in fact American aircraft of a new and revolutionary design, the view that "we must be up to something" was spreading. For the Americans are still convinced that when it comes to "know how" they can lick the world.

Meanwhile, some of the older American attitudes remain. The soldiers who volunteer for the Regular Army are often regarded as necessarily ne'er-do-wells. And a sign that some think ominous—there is no longer the old keen competition for a nomination to the two Service academies at West Point and Annapolis.

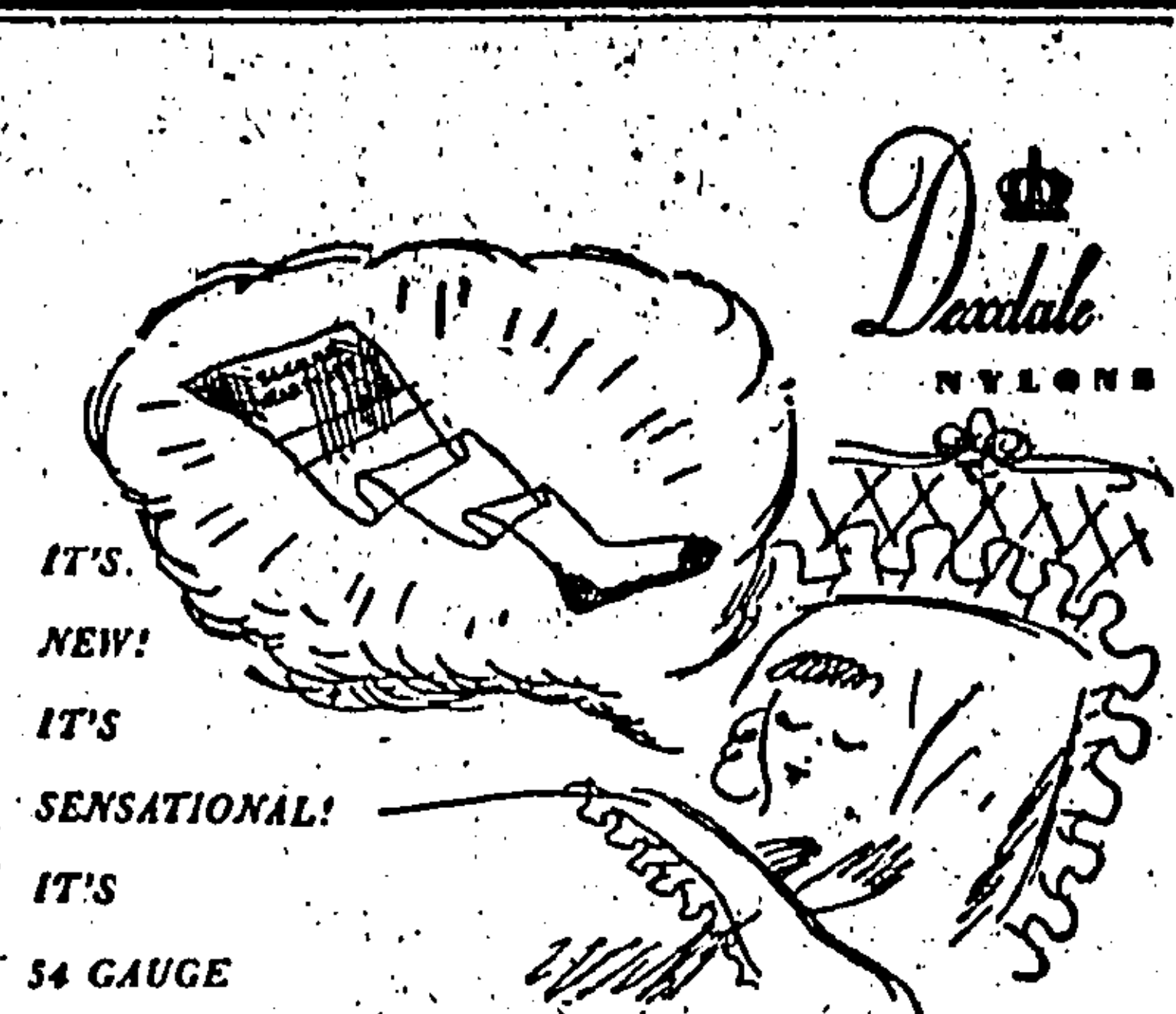
Although the graduates of these schools may well think that each has deserved well of its country, they are not confident that this view is widespread. Of course there are other forces at work. American officers (unlike American privates) are relatively ill-paid. Few have private means and few can live at the economic level of neighbours of equivalent social status. Like the United States Government in general, the armed Services find it hard to keep their employees. Uncle Sam is not, in fact, a good employer.

Semi-mobilisation

That the present world situation imposes on the American people a semi-mobilisation is a truth not welcomed or accepted. Even (perhaps one should say especially) those engaged in endless polemics against the Soviet Union are reluctant to face this fact.

"Throw out the spies," keep a vigilant eye on European countries suspected of inadequate devotion to free enterprise, and all will be more or less well. Yet we should not be too pessimistic. The immense powers of improvisation that destroyed Japan and Germany are there. Even in America, not all that the Government does is made public. And there is no doubt that thought, effort and cash are being devoted to such urgent problems as anti-submarine research.

Making of the American army an effective striking force is under way, too. The Navy is more ready, under the critical leadership of Admiral Sherman, to get down to its contemporary jobs. As for the 24-inch Martians who climbed out of the flying saucers, while it is improbable that they are Martians, they may be some new secret weapon of the American Air Force. The Russians had better not be too sure that they are not.



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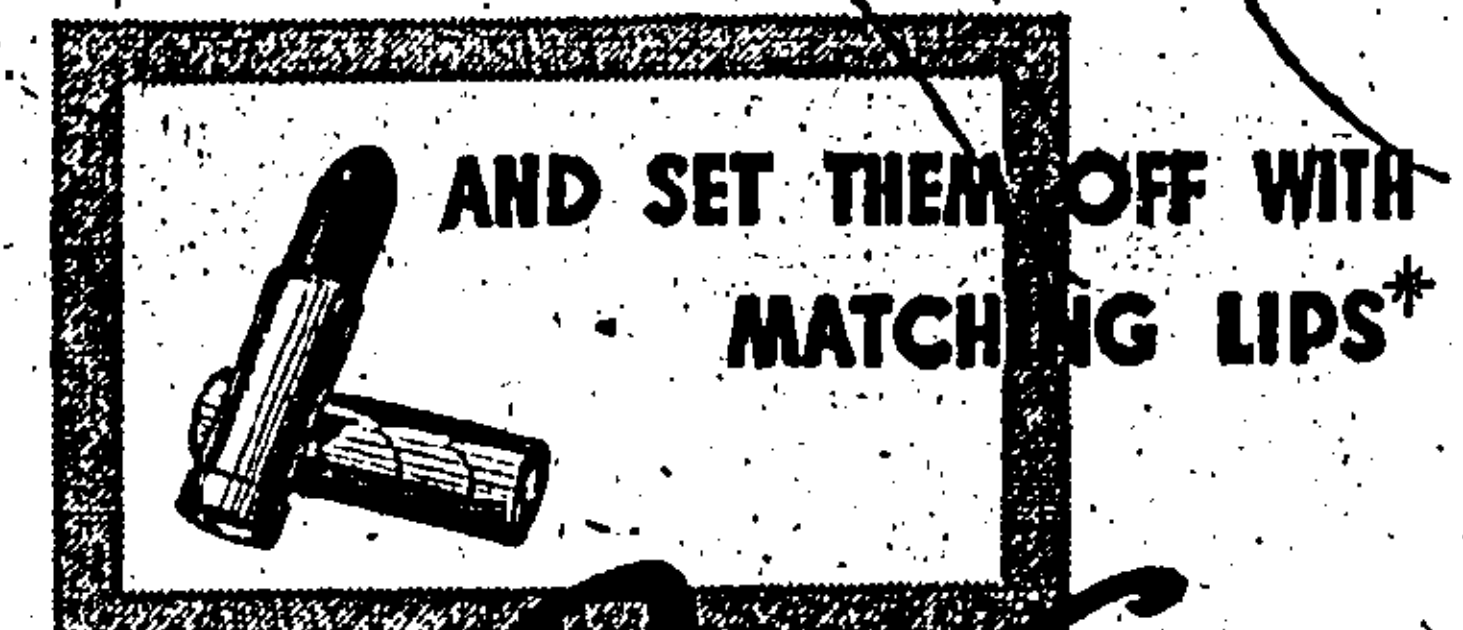
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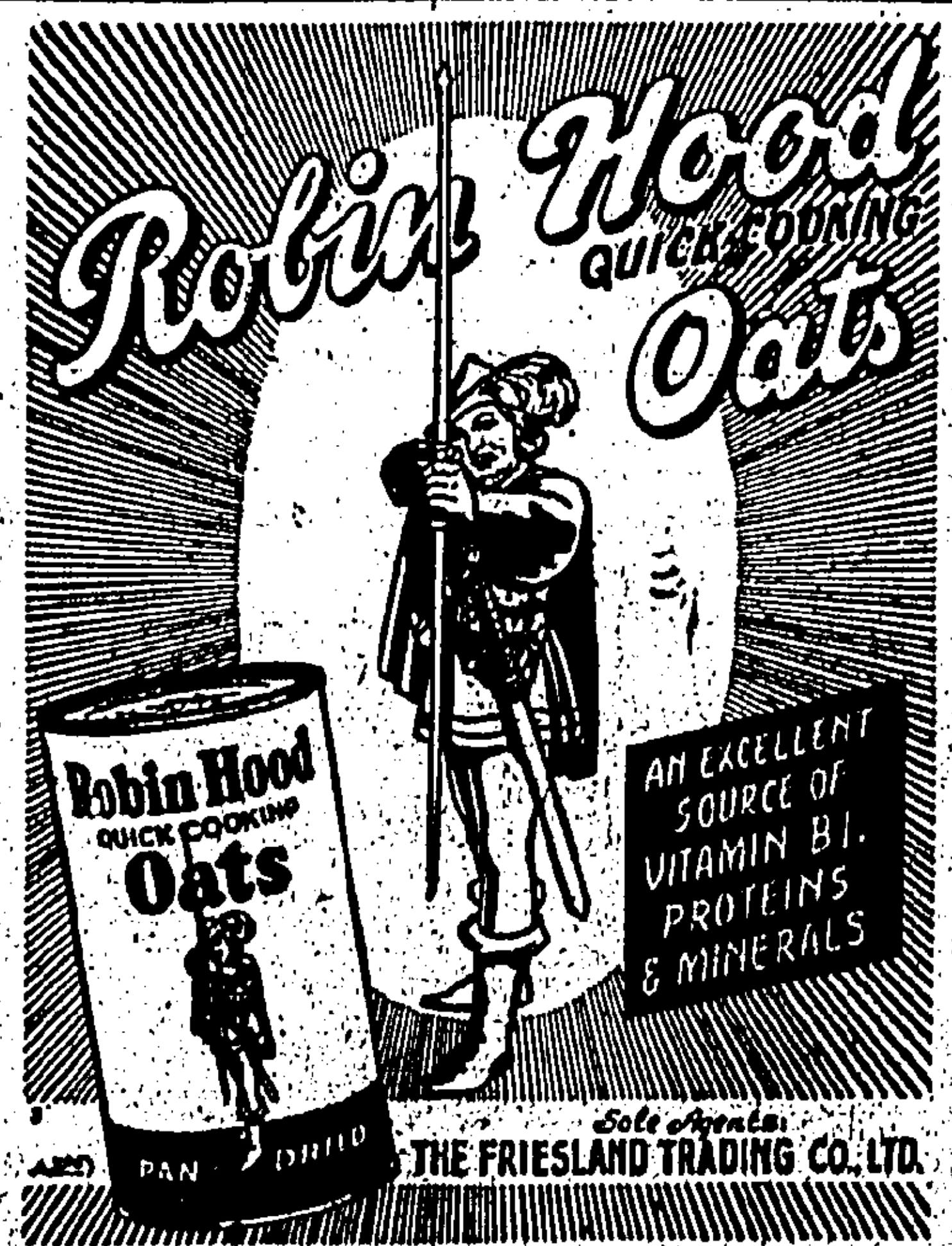
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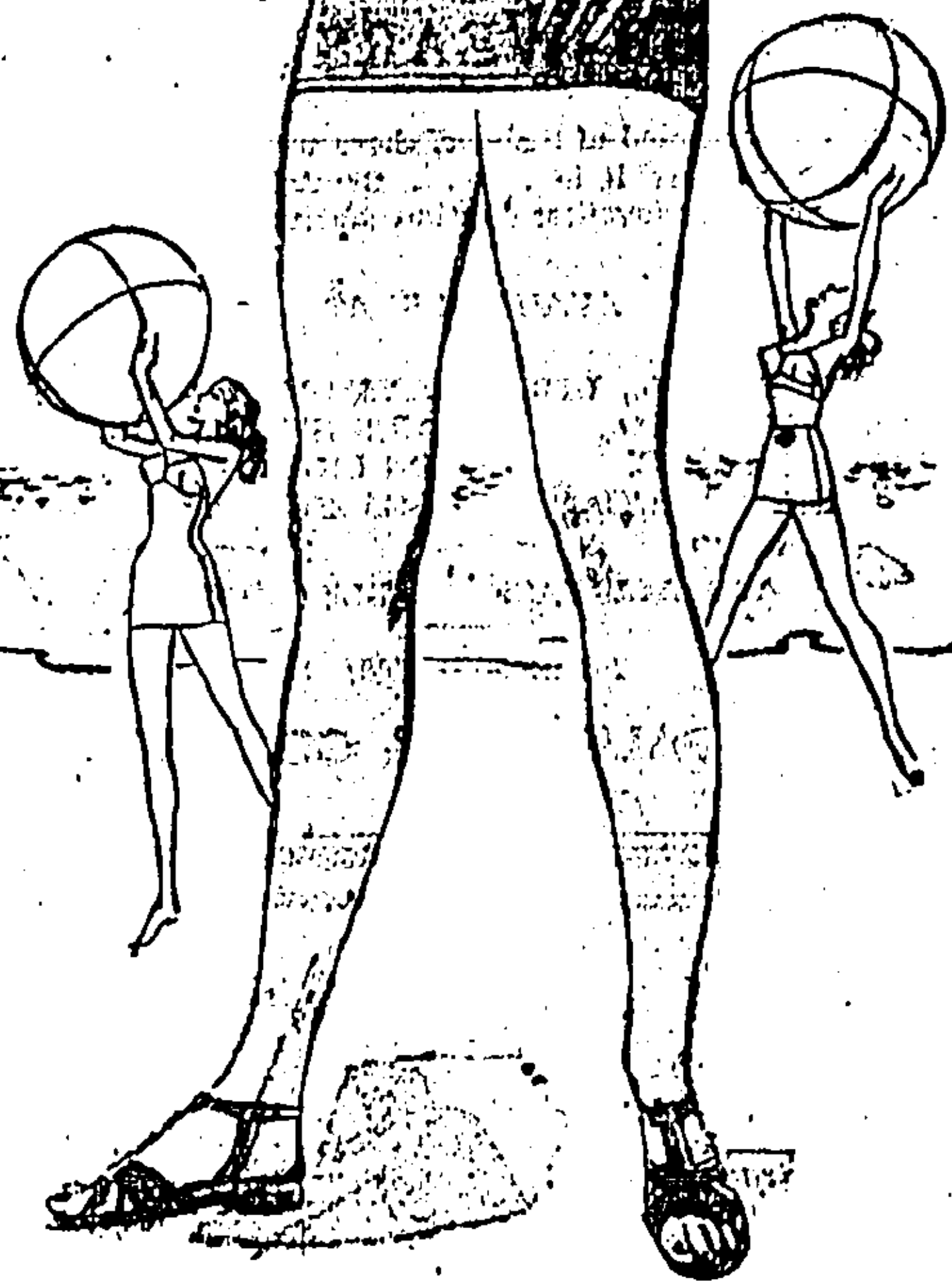
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SPRING TRICKERY WITH LAST YEAR'S CLOTHES

By Christine Jackson

With spring pace more on the doorstep, and the perennial problem of "What to wear?" hovering on one's lips, now is the time to take a look at last year's spring ensembles and to renovate them for the 1950 season.

These featured tight skirts with wide waistbands topped off with short, flaring jackets and long sleeves.

The skirt still holds good for this spring (with a slightly narrower waistband), and the jacket can be brought right into line by shortening the sleeves five inches and widening the cuffs. As a side dish, add buttonholes and bone buttons to the jacket.

On the longer box jackets, the addition of new collars and cuffs in natural linen work mathematical miracles—a year subtracted from the suit... five years from you! A further addition of a natural pounce skirt, severely tailored, and a pencil-thin black patent leather belt ring the changes with the jacket and skirt. Nothing is newer than the naked blouse—very plain, sleeveless, and possibly cut very low in a variety of materials—gay woven striped cotton, Irish handkerchief linen or spun rayon... all featuring tiny turned-down or two-way Mandarin collars, and rhinestone buttons.

A final addition of the long glove, worn crushed (complement and complement to this season's wide-cuffed look) and a bright buckled pleche in the new coral or beige shades, completes the 1950 suit.

Coat cavalcade

The welcome re-appearance of the redingote in the 1950 season for these "between" months makes it possible to renovate last spring's coat with ease. Again—as for spring jackets—shorten the sleeves, add wide cuffs, make a notched cape collar or, for hotter days, top off the giant collar of last year and substitute the tiny new one, adding frogs for buttons.

Wear a big hat—pancake or coolie style—head on, or try the "Twenties" look with a helmet of ivy leaves, a crystal choker and a narrowed down collar—again the Mandarin influence.

If it's a renovation you're thinking of—well, there are many ways to live up last year's dresses with a few extras added to ring the changes.

First, the day dress can be renovated by cutting off the collar, and adapting either a button-up-to-the-neck or V-neck outline; dispensing with the sleeves, and adding a pale yellow tulle skirt, underscoring the whole with long pale gloves.

Summer's choice

For those who prefer something around the neck, linen is this summer's choice—either in white or pale pastels. New high collars, finished with a fagotated edge, and buttoning once the dress, or the still popular circular collar in biodegradable, loosely hanging, are equally at home this spring.

For an entirely new silhouette on an old dress, remove the

original collar, open the dress all the way down centre-front, button to the waist and wear over a sleeveless print dress—the summer redingote.

Evening dresses are whitened down, collarless, slim and slit at the hem—a perfect foil for long earrings and the "urchin" or shingle cut.

When it comes to assembling herself, the smart woman mixes tones, textures and colours with hand—instinctive or practiced. And, in with renovations, a little patience, a well thought-out colour scheme, practical materials for the grasp of the year—and she's the woman about whom a best friend or beau says: "You look wonderful!"

That's a wonderful dress!

U.S. as a woman sees it

Mr. Robert Ruark doesn't like the way Englishmen dress. It seems that Mr. Ruark, who writes a consistently brilliant column in the "New York Times" and "Star," has been quietly smouldering over this subject for some time.

Now a series of pictures in the American "Vogue" illustrating the "Edwardian trend" in men's dress in London, seems to have fired the powder keg.

Mr. Ruark thinks that "British men dress worse than any other men alive except Frenchmen and Spaniards."

He says their collars gape and their trousers bag, and suggests that they look at the way Americans wear theirs.

"All British hair," he suggests, "is cut with a knife and fork" (Most American hair is a convict job with a razor).

He says "Only an Englishman would wear the same cuffs and collar 'three days running' and that he is less heedful of greasy spots on his tie and waistcoat than any other national he has ever met."

I wonder who Mr. Ruark could have been running around with during the years he says he spent in Britain? Because I don't seem to recall even one male acquaintance afflicted with spindly collars or buggy trousers, and as far as I remember most English men's linen is at least as snowy as that of the average Manhattanite, though they do have lunatic problems that don't affect Americans.

The columnist closes his vicious little survey by stating that "the American male... is the cleanest, neatest and most tastefully dressed he-creature in the world today."

Mr. Ruark, come down some summer evening from that air-conditioned penthouse of yours and take a stroll up Lexington Avenue, or even Fifth.

I guarantee you'll see more soiled shirt cuffs, gaping collars and ill-fitting jackets in 10 minutes than London sees in 10 months.

And if you'll stay off the subject of Englishmen's bunions disappearing their shoes, I'll be a perfect lady and not refer to tip protruding tummy that eight times out of 10 distorts even the semi-fit of the average American trousers.

As for American neck-ties, I won't even mention the subject.

Are you a bore?

The trademark of a bore isn't always in her conversation, or in her lack of it. She can be boring in appearance, clothes and habits, too. Her appearance can become so hackneyed that she drives her friends to floods of tears, and her family into the darkest corners of the house.

Just look! The same old hairdo she had when Charm was two months old (and now Charm's a very chic young miss of 10); same old lipstick she was wearing at Mabel's wedding (and isn't Mabel's fifth a lovely baby?); same old spots of rouge placed exactly where she was told to place them when she visited a beauty salon way back in 19...?

Now, really—with those eyes, and that figure—something should be done about you!

All you need is a new slant on the old appearance, and you'll be as refreshing as an old joke told in a different way. And that, you see, marks the difference. The person who tells the old joke the same old way will be labelled "Bore," while the person who dishes it up with some delightful changes will be labelled "Bright."

If you're prepared to be fair and truthful about the whole thing we'll start finding out about you now.

Are you boring in appearance?

1. Do you wear your hair in intricate swept-up curls? That went out of fashion long ago.
2. Do you paint your mouth in a Cupid's Bow? Don't.
3. Do you still favour putting your little girl's hair in Shirley Temple curls? Shirley has grown up now.
4. Do you still paint your legs and draw a seam down the back? Stockings are so much easier and more dependable.
5. Do you shudder at the thought of cropping your hair? It's cool and comfortable. You know, and the fashion should be with us for some time.
6. Do you urge your son to part his hair in the middle? Don't.
7. Do you pad your front hair into a high roll? Paddings can be used for children instead, and are far more attractive.
8. Do you still believe that two spotches—of rouge—in the middle of your cheeks make you look healthy? They don't.
9. Do you torture your brows by plucking out every hair in sight of merely tidying up? Even Cleopatra didn't do that.
10. Do you insist on curling finger nails—long, tapering and useless. A white moon and eye tip is much more serviceable.

Clothes?

1. Are you still wearing your skirts near your ankles or above your knees? The correct length is 13 or 14 inches from the ground.
2. Are you wearing a plait-type hat or a snail's shell? Snail, hat-hugging hats or monstrous (continued) straw are never.
3. Are you knotting your single strand of pearls? Long knotted strands or singles without the knot are in vogue just now.
4. Are you still settling for a navy and white figured sheer, buttoning to the neck each summer? Careful, your age is showing!
5. Are you cutting your skirts on the straight? Skirts cut on the cross, popped up with inverted pleats, or all, are leading the field.
6. Are you wearing a diamond pin or cameo brooch at your neck or to fasten a V-neckline? You've

done it for ten years, now, remember!

7. Are you wearing a brassiere with a vicious uplift? A naturally shaped bustline, thank goodness, has now been thought of.

8. Are you still fond of loading your arms with junk? One wide, or eye-catching bracelet is better.

9. Are you wearing shoes with intricate lacing and spindle heels? They went out with the long skirts. Instead, shoes have the long, slim look.

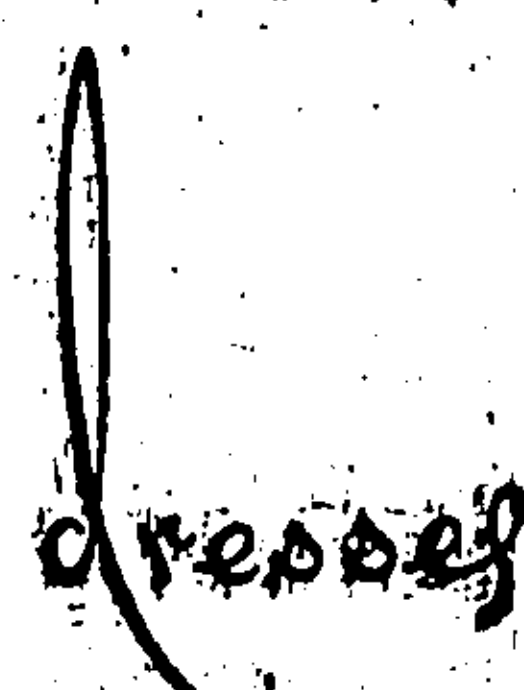
10. Are your gloves worn half-mast? "Either cut off at the wrist, or elbow-length," says Fashion. "Make mine Wristies," says Dame Practical.

Habits?

1. Do you creak your little finger when slipping tea? There was a story about a wife who shot her husband for the same offence.
2. Do you follow the fashion-ables of a few years ago and walk with your shoulders slouched forward?
3. Are you always seen with a cigarette in your hand, gum in your mouth? Give your friends a break and let them see you without it.
4. Are you always using the same expressions in your conversation—"had it," "but definitely"? Read any good books, lately?
5. Do you speak in the same tone, no matter what happens? Drop it a tone or two, round your vowels—and give the family a treat.
6. Do you stand with your arms akimbo, or sternly crossed most of the time? Let's see you in a different pose.
7. Are you forever blowing your nose, clearing your throat? Be careful; these habits can become second nature.
8. Are you inclined to drum your fingers on the table, bite your nails when faced with a "situation"? You'll make others nervous, too.
9. Do you pause frequently to say "Er" in telephone conversations?
10. Do you scratch yourself, raise your eyebrows, flick your girdle and not even know you're doing it? Those are year-jerkers.

Well, are you a Bore—or are you a Bright Girl?

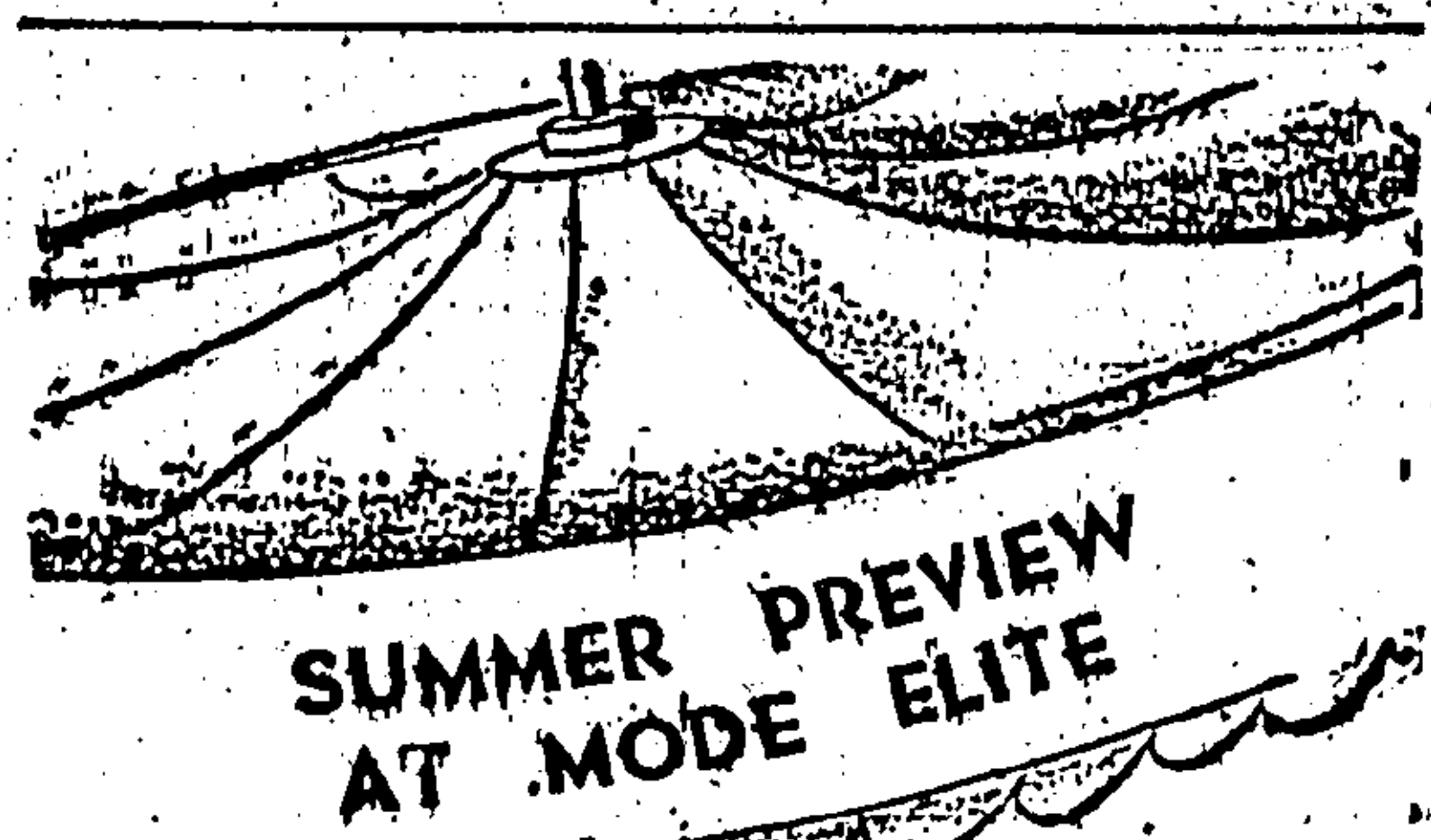
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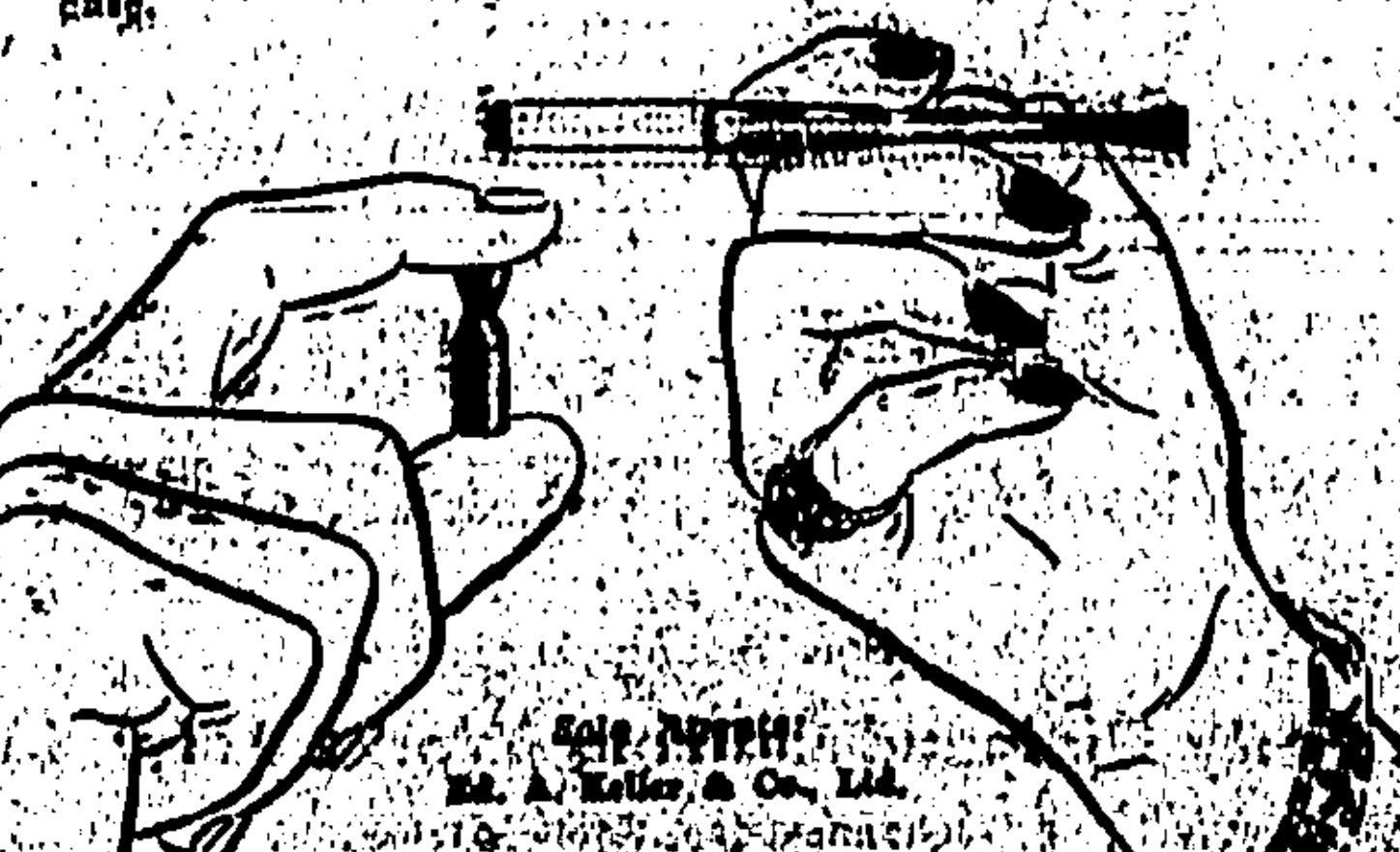
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Between Ourselves

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Beauty care for the teen-ager

By CLAUDIA

Sixteen is an exciting half-way house between the schoolgirl and the fully-fledged "Junior Miss". It is the age at which most girls, already interested in things grown-up and feminine, are permitted to begin to put their ideas into practice, to use a little make-up and help to choose their own clothes.

Teen-agers today have their own magazines, clubs, styles and fashions, all underlining the idea that, to be 16 or so is a special phase of life with a special angle and atmosphere. . . . even language. . . . not just a rather awkward waiting stage to be got through somehow, before one can be quite grown up.

There is no need for the modern teen-ager to try to ape the older woman in either beauty or fashion. She has her own charming clothes, designed specially for her group, clothes which would look ridiculous on an older woman because they express the happy spirit of early youth which can never be counterfeited.

She no longer has the urge to dress in sophisticated clothes beyond her years. . . . the time to aim at looking 20 is when you are 30, not 16.

Training ground

Still, the teen years are the training ground for tomorrow's lady of beauty and fashion. Tastes and fashions may change, but during those years, a girl can develop the interest and cultivate the beauty - and - fashion sense which will teach her how to adapt each changing phase to her own best use.

In beauty culture, her sports and exercise help to give her good carriage and correct posture - without which the smartest clothes are wasted in effect. Practice the old-fashioned drill of walking smoothly with a book balanced on the head. . . . back straight and flat, head erect, walking "tall" with the ribs lifted well away from the waist, above a flat, taut tummy.

Beauty care will be based on a short list of first essentials. Pure soap and cool water - never hot - for washing; and - bathing will develop into a pleasant ritual with, perhaps, a precious handful of bath salts, lots of rich lather and invigorating rubbing with a coarse cloth, followed by a tepid rinse or cold shower.

For skin care, there will be a good cold cream - a little after washing when the weather is cold, or at night time if the skin

is roughened by the weather. That is all the young skin needs. Make-up should be very light and very natural and always applied over a thin film of foundation - just a little cream, a dusting of powder.

Natural colours

Lipstick can be used more boldly, but in natural colours and drawn to the natural shape of the lips. Unusual "fashion" colours, unnatural outlines, are to be avoided as yet. They are for later. So are rouge, cosmetics and eye-shadows. A tiny smear of plain castor oil on the lashes will keep them glossy and help them to grow thicker.

Remember that heavy make-up not only looks out of place, but can spoil a young skin by clogging and enlarging the pores. Besides, why cover up the fresh, fine skin which is one of the most envied attributes of youth?

Unfortunately, those teen years often bring a crop of adolescent skin troubles in the shape of spots and pimples. This is a passing phase, but it can make one very unhappy and self-conscious. A special diet on which the doctor will advise, can help a lot. As for the spots are concerned, they must be endured, for they will only vanish in their own time. They are never helped by picking or squeezing, which can only injure the skin and bruise the delicate tissues.

Use a little antiseptic cream and a dab of spirit when they are drying up. In bad cases, or cases of acne, it is essential to take medical advice. And when the wretched things appear on the very day of a party (as they invariably do), try camouflaging them with a little tinted calamine lotion or a touch of cake make-up.

Ann Temple

Amateur dramatics

For my first part in amateur dramatics I am cast as an old lady. My great difficulty is to make my voice sound old. How is it done? - K.

Don't quaver. Use less voice - the thinner voice you use when you are tired. Slow down the pace.

Space your words slightly. A little more intent. Best tip - think of yourself as old.

Are weak-willed people more easily hypnotised than the strong-willed? - CURIOUS.

Will has nothing to do with hypnotism. Willingness to be hypnotised is a big factor. Normal people are better subjects than nervous or neurotic people. The higher the intelligence and the greater the power of imagination, the better the subject.

But the place for hypnotism is the doctor's consulting room. It is not considered suitable for stage shows and amateurs. The Journal of the British Society of Medical Hypnotists is anxious that the public should know the truth about hypnotism.

I am concerned because my girl and I are continually having fights. I am not the argumentative, type myself, but when she says things that

irritate me we are at it and saying the nastiest things we can think of to hurt each other.

We are in love, I am sure of that, and I am sure of that old phrase about true love never running smooth. But if we are like this before we are married, what about after we are married? This constant bickering is not right, surely, especially when it happens so often. - CONCERNED.

Since it is you setting the problem I put the remedy in your hands. Have you ever wondered why she says things to irritate you? Does she do so not meaning them to have that effect, or is she trying to provoke you?

If the first, inquire of yourself why you are so touchy. Are you allowing for the two different personalities? Is there a danger with some ideal you have, of your being irritated because in some ways she differs from that ideal?

A reminder that your companionship will be more interesting and fruitful if you allow each other to be true to his or her self will be your check there.

If she is purposely provoking you - and women in love will often do this in an instinctive rebellion against love being taken for granted - you can the more easily refuse to rise to the bait, knowing it is a bait. She wants

FOR THE BEACH



From London comes this light-hearted coolie jacket, in red and yellow etched in black on a white ground (left). Recelife and Chapman's of London has designed the cotton beach dress pictured on the right, printed in a kaleidoscope of colours - red, yellow, green and maroon. Photo by Harper's Bazaar.

French designers split on curves

By FLORENCE MILLS

French fashion makers are split on the question of whether women should conceal their curves this spring.

Half of them have designed short-skirted models that flatten the bust, and often abolish the waistline.

The other half have designed creations that make the most of the female contours, emphasising the bust and hips, minimising the waist, and generally indulging in such femininities as fussy sleeves and revealing necklines. There are, of course, designers who effect a compromise by showing a mixture of both.

The leader in the figure-flattering group is Jacques Fath, who creates the "bright young things" in French society. He also designs separately for the mass-produced clothes industry in the United States.

This spring, he goes in for severe-looking styles that put the accent on the straight-lined, narrow silhouette. It is made manifest by the use of high, starched white wing collars, belted satin stocks complete with pearl stickpins and bodied shirts, and studded shirtfronts that substitute for blouses.

His skirts are extremely short and tight unfaltering to anyone whose hips tend to bulge. The dresses worn by them are waistless middie blouse of wind-breaker style. Sometimes he belts loose jackets well below the waist at the back only. Fathers' manish trend is also seen in tuxedo jackets that are cutaway to a curved line in front.

Up-and-down look

He has dresses also that have the straight up-and-down look, with sleeveless bodices and short, tight skirts, but he does not belt them at the waist.

To heighten the emotional tone, turn it aside with a small tenderness - friendly flattery bit of humor - and they are life a barb, no matter how funny.

An effort on your part to understand and adjust will go a long way. Don't mind if for the moment it looks a one-sided cure.

The other old saying is that it takes two to make a quarrel. Make up your mind to be the pliant one. It's worth the sacrifice. The more you are in love the deeper the scars left by uncontrolled recriminations.

Christian Dior favours these extremely simple styles too, but he feminises them with very low-cut necklines instead of adding to their severity with stiff collars and bow ties.

Another style-setter, Greek designer Jean Dessès, also does his best to conceal the feminine form.

He designs suit jackets that are only about a quarter-fitted and have hardly any shape to them at all, and dress bodices that pouch so much they fall in a straight line from the bust to cut necklines instead of adding to mid-hips, obscuring the waistline altogether.

Molyneux, on the whole, shows full-skirted dresses with a well-indented waistline, but he indulges in a few straight dresses with long Chinese-style tunics that are closely belted below the waist.

On the other side of the picture are such designers as Marcel Bocas, Balenciaga, Robert Piguet and Schiaparelli.

Playing up the figure

They play up to the feminine figure making it shapely with flowing, full skirts and drapery that emphasises the hips and bust. When they use slim skirts they are usually coupled with jackets that are shaped or belted to fit the waist in such a way as to give the rounded look to the hips.

Instead of plain, sleeveless bodices they use very fussy sleeves and set wide away and cape collars on low-cut dresses. Wide cape sleeves or football size puff sleeves, set in below the shoulder, are the most popular.

These designers sometimes lower the waistline a fraction, but rarely hide it altogether. The skirts they show, too, are slightly longer.

Even the hair styles shown by the two groups are different. Most of the models wearing the feminine-looking clothes had long hair, worn upswep on the nape of the neck.

Those wearing the straight-lined models had their hair cropped, or shortbobbed. - Associated Press.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 21. Radio television issues shot ahead of a generally improved stock market today. Television stocks sold at higher prices most of the day, despite heavy profit-taking, and closed with gains ranging to around three points. Rail and motor shares made a late bid for favour.

A liberal sprinkling of low priced issues also made a good showing.

Elsewhere gains and losses were pretty well mixed, with changes either way. Transfers were 2,710,000; 575 issues advanced and 324 declined.

American Cyanamid put on a show of its own with a jump of 6-3/4 points to 73, on the news of sharply increased first quarter profits. Other gainers included Western Union, Stewart Warner, Radio, Emerson, Emerson Radio, Philco, Magnavox and General Instruments.

Of the 15 most active stocks only one showed a loss—Radio Corporation down 1/4.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 70.01; 20 Industrials 214.14; 15 Rails 55.54; 10 Utilities 42.57.

Closing quotations:

Alaska Juneau 2 1/2	American Can 1 1/2
" Smelling 5 1/4	" Telephone 155
" Tobacco 60 1/2	" Waterworks 10 1/4
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Union Carbide 47 1/2	US Rubber 41
" Steel 32 1/2	" Lines 16 1/2
Westinghouse 34 1/2	Youngstown Sheet & Tube 82 1/2

Gen. Pub. Utilities 16 1/2

Bonds were mixed. Among curb gainers were Claude Neon, Finssteel, Raytheon, Kaiser Frater, Piper Aircraft—Associated Press.

WORLD CHAMBERS CONGRESS

Rome, April 21. The first world-wide Congress of Chambers of Commerce will open here for three days next Monday.

Eighty-three foreign Chambers and 119 Italian will be represented by about 600 delegates, belonging to 30 countries.

Among the nations represented are the following: Australia, Britain, Japan, India, Pakistan, Portugal, South Africa and the International Chamber of Commerce.

The Congress will concern itself with negotiations of action, laws and regulations of all Chambers of Commerce and with the creation of an international board for co-ordinating the work of the Chambers.

The Congress will be held at the Palazzo Venezia here and will be opened by the President of the Italian Republic, Signor Luigi Ainaudi—Reuter.

LONDON STOCKS

London, April 21. Industrials and gilt-edged issues showed slight gains on the stock market, Brazilian and other South American bonds recorded fresh advances. Among the Brazilian issues, four per cent "A" bonds jumped 20-1/4 points. The leader in British Industrials was British Celanese which rose 1/8d.

"Financial Times" Index: 1074.—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, April 21. Ship departure, Pacific Transport for Yokohama, Arrival, William Luckenbach from Hong Kong.

Seattle, Ship arrivals: General H. E. Brown from Yokohama, Ocean Mail from Hong Kong—Associated Press.

CHANGES IN U.S. TARIFFS

Washington, April 21. Legislation has been prepared to make changes in the United States customs regulations to ease imports of foreign products into the United States, Treasury officials said today.

Edward Foley, Jr., Under-Secretary of the Treasury, told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee that legislation will probably be sent to Congress within a few days—Associated Press.

Reconditioned Empress liner on W. Indies run

Old residents on this side of the Pacific have long missed the once familiar spectacle of the Empress liners in the harbour. Many have wondered when the service would be resumed.

They will have to wait yet awhile for that. But one old friend, familiar as the "Empress of Japan" and now re-named after a two-year transformation as the "Empress of Scotland" will be seen in other waters next month.

Kong passengers to Britain via Canada may happen to find themselves aboard her once more from Quebec for Liverpool via Greenock.

Two traditions interrupted by the war will then be re-established—weekly sailings from and to Liverpool, and the return of the Canadian Pacific liner to the Clyde.

In winter the "Empress of Scotland"—known under her old name as the largest and fastest liner on the Pacific—will cruise from New York to the West Indies.

Much changed

Old friends, when they renew their acquaintance with the liner, will find her much changed, internally rather than externally. They will recognise the graceful lines of her gleaming white hull, but when they get aboard they will find marked changes.

The broad promenade deck has been enclosed for its entire length in chilly weather it can be heated. Deep windows nevertheless allow a clear view even to passengers reclining in deck chairs. The pre-war passenger capacity has been reduced almost by half, providing about twice as much space per person.

There are two classes, first and tourist and accommodation extends over five decks, served by three lifts.

The lounge is in the French Empire style with a lofty glass dome ceiling and concealed lighting. The Cocktail Room, but for its 30-foot long bar, might well have been called the observation lounge, in view of its size and the range of windows on three sides. The Library and Writing Room are decorated in Georgian style, with walls in pastel shades of cream and pink.

The Empress Room, like the Lounge, has a glass dome ceiling. The upholstery is Venetian red, deep blue and buff, and wall panelling of walnut, studded with metal bosses in a diamond pattern. This is the ship's Ballroom as well as the Cinema. When used for the latter purpose, passengers may enjoy current feature and documentary films with a daily change of programme.

The Children's Rooms occupy secluded corners on the Promenade Deck. The main Entrance Hall and Long Gallery connecting the public rooms on the Promenade Deck are the "cross-roads" of the ship. The Smoking Room is panelled in oak in Tudor style.

There are many other amenities, of course, including a Swimming Pool, in this luxurious liner.

ARDUOUS ROAD FOR ISRAEL

London, April 21. A proclamation issued today by the Israel Government on the second anniversary of the country's independence said that Israel's enemies still threaten her existence and her national economy is still unstable, according to Jerusalem Radio.

During the past year, it said, determined measures were taken to reinforce Israel's defence and security, yet the road ahead is long and arduous.

The proclamation said "While the first year of Israel's liberty was a year of war heroism and victory, in the second year we embarked on the in-gathering of the exiles and a programme of building and development on a scale unknown to the country."

"But the toll of three generations of pioneers has not been in vain and Israel is now privileged to witness the beginning of real independence."—Reuter.

SMALLPOX ON GOLD COAST

Accra, April 21. Five smallpox deaths were reported today in Accra and cases have now increased to 19 since the outbreak began.

More than 60,000 people have been vaccinated since Monday.

The Government announced today that all passengers from the Gold Coast must obtain vaccination certificates and visitors to Accra airport, the Gold Coast's main air terminus, will not be allowed to enter unless they can produce evidence of a recent vaccination.—Associated Press.

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Rangoon, April 21. An Indo-Burma rice purchase agreement will be signed here tomorrow.

Mr. B. T. Bhargava, Deputy Director-General of the Indian Food Ministry who arrived here recently, has completed his consultations. During his visit to Burma, Mr. Bhargava paid a flying visit to Moulmein, where he met leading personalities.—Reuter.

Settlement of U.S. shipping dispute

New York, April 21. A settlement of the dispute threatening to tie up shipping along the East and Gulf coasts of America was announced today.

The agreement was reached after 19 hours of negotiations between representatives of 40 shipping firms and the American Federation of Labor, Masters, Mates and Pilots Association.

A walk-out had been announced for midnight on Saturday.

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Wedding

McPeake-Diniz

A Guard of Honour comprising men of the Royal Military Police was formed at the wedding of Daniel Christopher McPeake and Miss Laura Catarina Diniz at St. Mary's Church, Kowloon, yesterday.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. J. M. Diniz of Shanghai and Mrs. Laura Oliveira Diniz. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McPeake, of Castle Dawson, County Derry, Ireland.

The Reverend Father Woods, Senior Catholic Army Chaplain, officiated.

The bride was given away by Mr. Arthur M. de Souza, ISO, the bride's uncle and godfather. She wore a gown of ivory crepe satin with a train of lace embroidered with silver and beads, a crown embroidered with silver and beads, a three-quarter circular veil with lace application.

The bride's bouquet was a spray of gladioli and carnations. Miss Mary Rita Reed was bridesmaid. She wore a white dotted Swiss gown trimmed with a red velvet sash. She carried a bouquet of red gladioli, with a headdress to match.

The duties of best men were discharged by Mr. Alexander McGurk for the bridegroom, and Mr. J. A. Diniz for the bride.

During the ceremony, Mrs. Marge Long sang the Ave Maria for the couple.

The reception was held at the Little Flower Club, King's Park.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of William Garland Long, engineer, of Apartment 12, Lido Court, 36 Macdonnell Road, and Mrs. Kathleen Rose Williams, widow, of Melbourne, Australia.

Miss Edith Kathleen Pollock, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs. R. Pollock of Coventry, England, and Dr. W. B. Thompson, of Washington DC, will be married tomorrow at the Registrar's Office Supreme Court.

MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGE

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour plus a recommendation for banishment was imposed on Yin Wan-fo, unemployed, 527 Canton Road, by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday for the possession of 34 ounces of diacetylmorphine hydrochloride at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station on Friday.

In asking for a heavy penalty, Revenue Inspector S. Locke said that the drug was almost pure morphine.

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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Christopher McPeake leaving the church entrance between a Guard of Honour formed by the Royal Military Police after their wedding. The bride is the former Miss Laura Catarina Diniz. ("China Mail" photo.)

Passing out parade at Police Training School

Three hundred and thirty five recruits of the Hong Kong Police took part at a passing out parade held in the Police Training School at Aberdeen yesterday.

Their over-all smartness and alertness on the parade ground prompted the GOC-in-C, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Mansergh, to speak in glowing tribute of the men. Sir Robert inspected the parade and later took the general salute and march past.

The parade was commanded by Sub-Inspector Smith, Chief Drill Instructor of the Police Training School. Attending the parade also was Mr. D. W. Macintosh, Commissioner of Police.

Awards were presented by Sir Robert Mansergh to the successful officers and constables of the latest class of men graduating to join the Colony's force. Recruit Police Constable 251, Tsui Tit-man, received a Silver Whistle for being the best all-round recruit to graduate. His smart display on the parade ground yesterday fully confirmed him to be the choice for this coveted police award.

In his address to the squad passing out, Sir Robert said: "I have welcomed the opportunity of a visit to the Training School of the Hong Kong Police Force. This morning I have seen a really smart parade. Your bearing has been steady and good, and your turn-out of a high standard. This is a credit to you, and to the Staff who trained and administered you, and I congratulate you all."

Friends of public

"I would like to make the following point. You are young men, entering upon a career of Public Service, and will be occupying positions of trust and responsibility which you must not abuse. As Police Constables, you must remember you are friends of the Public as well as their servants. Although at present very junior, you are important cogs in the machine which is the Hong Kong Police Force."

"From now on things you have learnt must be remembered and practised. Your smartness, your discipline, your obedience and your loyalty must be maintained. You will be called upon to carry out duties which are important and which will require hard work. You must carry out your duties willingly and with energy."

"You may leave here knowing you have made a good start. Carry on as you have started. You will have the satisfaction of knowing you are taking your place in a profession where you will be respected, and your work valued. Good luck to you."

After his address, Sir Robert took the salute of the general march past. With the Commissioner were Mr. L. A. Searle, Commandant of the Police Training School and Chief Inspector O. F. Boyer, Inspector Cochrane.

LOCAL ESTATES

Second Lieutenant John Ferguson Lawrie, of the 5th Anti-aircraft Regiment, RA, who was killed in action here on December 10, 1941, left local estate valued at \$5,000. Deceased was at one time of 23 Duhgass Avenue, Scots-town, Glasgow, and later of Thikoo Dockyard Limited.

An application by Mr. C. D. Sunde barrister-at-law, on behalf of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Hong Kong (Trustee) Limited, for resealing certified copy of the confirmation dative of the estate, has been granted by the Supreme Court Probates Registry.

Sarah Damanji Talati, mortgagor, late of Talati House, Tientsin, who died on August 10, 1949, left local estate sworn under \$25,400.

Mr. D. S. Robb, accountant, who petitioned for the letters of administration with the will annexed of the estate, has had his application granted.

Local estate valued at \$7,400 was left by Stephen Godard Teukle, late of 115 Heene Road, Worthing, Sussex, who died on April 30, 1949, at Worthing. An application by Mr. R. A. Wadson, solicitor, for resealing certified copy of the probate of will has been granted.

MILITARY CAMP TRESPASSERS

Seen giving passes to three earth coolies to gain entry into the Chatham Road Camp on Friday, Wong Kai, coolie of a construction company, was fined \$50 by Mr. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of aiding and abetting in trespassing upon military property.

The three coolies who were fined \$25 each for trespassing were Lau Loy, Lee Kau and Cheung Chung. The passes were not issued in their names, said Inspector Orem.

SALT AND FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were—

	price	price
	a catty	a catty
Mud Grouper	\$1.65	\$1.65
Glass Fish	1.25	1.15
Snapper	1.40	1.45
White Pomfret (large)	2.12	3.12
Golden Thread	1.80	1.25
Head Gun	1.05	.55
Horse Head (small)	1.35	1.20
Conger Pike	1.30	1.25
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.23	1.18

The average wholesale prices of fish in the week ended April 20 were—

the week ended April 20 were—	
	Fresh Fish Salt Fish
	a catty a catty
Yellow Croaker	\$1.14 \$.40
Croaker	.69 .52
Golden Thread	.97 .58
Grouper	1.00 .93
Red Snapper	.74 .91
Horse Head	1.00 .60
Red Sea Bream	1.07 .50
Lizard Fish	.51 .49
Conger Pike	.90 .53
White Pomfret	2.50 1.29
Hair Tail	.66 .43
Macao Sole	1.25 .30
Creville	.98 .60

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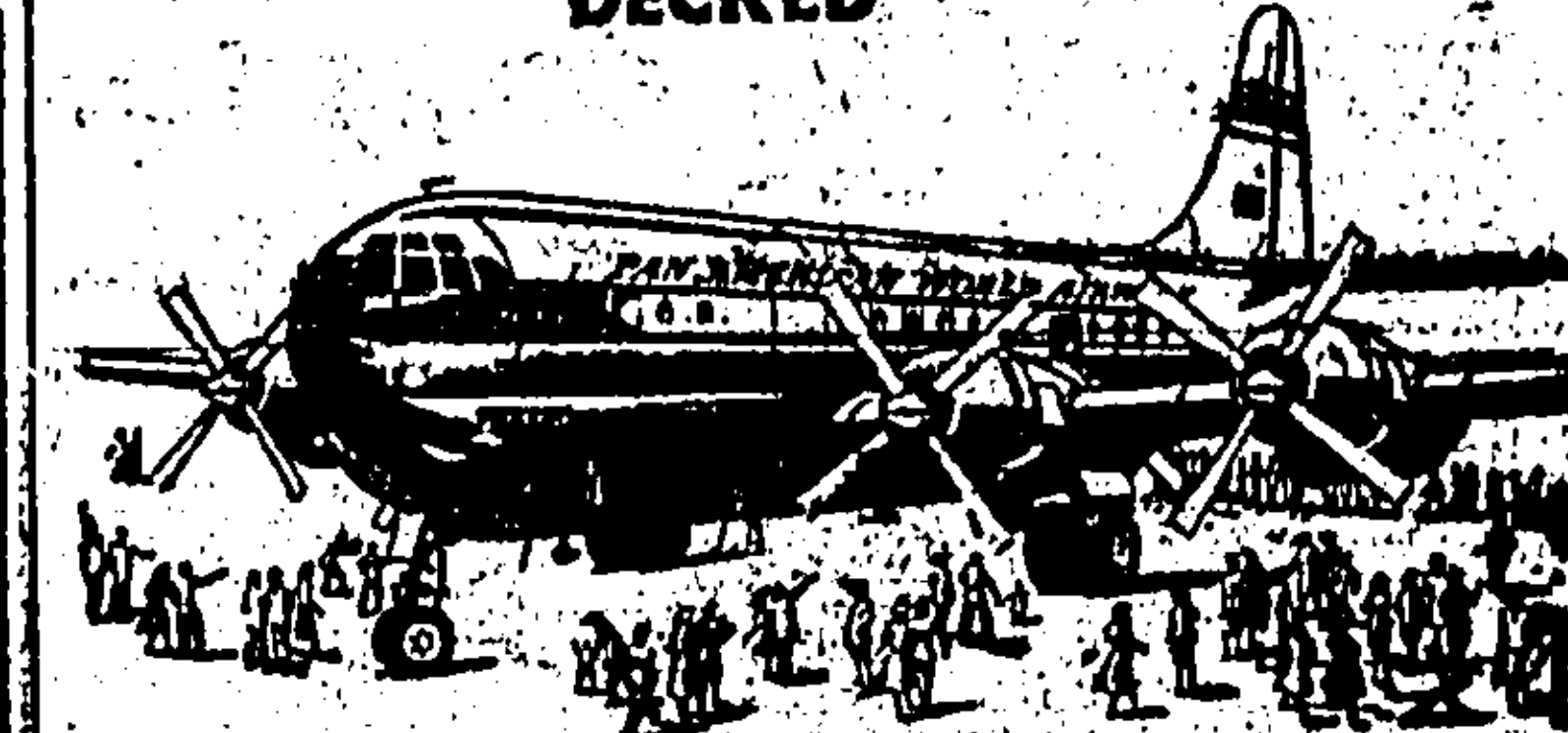
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Baseball:

Dodgers beat Giants 8-1;
Cubs triumph over Cards 2-0

New York, April 21.

Catcher Roy Campanella drove in four runs with a grand slam homer and second baseman Jackie Robinson drove in three more with a triple and double today, helping the Brooklyn Dodgers to an 8-1 triumph over the New York Giants in the National League opener at Brooklyn.

Chicago Cub pitcher Bob Rush hurled his way out of repeated jams in the early innings and out-dueled Harry Brecheen to lead his team to victory over the St. Louis Cardinals 2-0.

Brecheen allowed only three hits, but two were triples by right-fielder Hal Jeffcoat and second baseman Wayne Terwilliger that led to runs.

An eighth inning thunder storm broke off the Boston Braves home opener in a tie with the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-2.

The Phils bunched seven of their hits against Vern Riffe in the first inning for both runs. The Braves, held to five safeties by lefty Ken Heintzelman, nipped him for singles in the second and fifth innings.

The Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-3 with Pirate left-fielder Ralph Kiner slugging his first home run of the season.

Left fielder Danny Litwhiler and center-fielder Bobby Usher hit round trippers for the Reds.

Lopsided victory

In the American League, the World Champ, on New York Yankees blasted out 18 hits against five Washington pitchers for a lopsided 14-7 victory.

The Yankees' batting barrage included home runs by center-fielder Joe Mauer, first baseman Tommy Henrich, catcher Yogi Berra and pitcher Tommy Byrne.

The unbeaten Detroit Tigers cashed in on a pair of homers and bent the Chicago White Sox 4-1.

The Sox took a one-run lead in the fourth and hung on until Tiger center-fielder Johnny Groth lifted a 360 foot homer in the seventh. Then, in the 8th, right fielder Vic Wertz tagged pitcher Mickey Haefner for a three run homer.

The Boston Red Sox spoiled Connie Mack's 9th opening as manager of the Philadelphia Athletics.

Boston shortstop Vern Stephens hit a home run with the bases loaded in the ninth. Right fielder Al Zarilla contributed three hits to the Boston total.

The St. Louis Browns and Cleveland Indians were not scheduled.

The scores:

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	R	H	E	
Brooklyn	8	14	0	
New York	1	0	0	
Winning pitcher	Lynn Roe			
loser	Duane Koss			
Chicago	2	3	1	
St. Louis	0	4	0	
Winning pitcher	Bob Rush			
loser	Harry Brecheen			

HKU prize
distribution

The final game in the Men's Open Doubles Tennis Championship of the Hong Kong University will be played on Wednesday, April 20, commencing at 4 p.m.

After the match, Mrs. George Choa (nee Miss Maile Kotewall), will present the prizes to the winners and runners-up in the Inter-Hostel Football Championship and the Lawn Tennis Open Championships.

Inter-Hostel Football Championships-Morrison Hall.

Team: Y. K. Hui (Capt.), C. L. Huang, S. B. Yue, S. L. Ma, M. A. Dietrich, Lee Ting-wai, S. Hollands, H. W. Ip, Wong Kwong-min, M. K. Yung, Sunny Yon, M. Amara and R. Yiu.

Inter-Hostel Lawn Tennis Championships-Morrison Hall.

Team: T. T. Lim (Capt.), L. Lo, D. Lo, N. Lo, C. L. Huang, E. Ho, H. W. Ip.

Inter-Faculty Lawn Tennis Championships-Arts Faculty.

Team: S. Hollands (Capt.), D. Lo, N. Lo, E. Ho, M. W. Ng, S. L. Ma, E. Teul, F. W. Kwong.

Lawn Tennis Championships Handicap Singles: Winner: S. A. Vannar; Runner-up: H. W. Ip; Handicap Doubles: Winners: K.

J. Panton wins
"Silver King"
golf tournament

Richmansworth, Hertfordshire, April 21.

John Panton, 33-year-old Scottish Champion from Glenbervie, won the £1,300 "Silver King" golf tournament held at the Moor Park Course today with an aggregate of 270 for 72 holes.

Panton, who led the field from the start, won the first prize of £300. He had rounds of 68 and 78 today and his aggregate equaled the tournament record established by Charles Whitcombe on the same course in 1928.

Pickworth's fine start

Oscar Pickworth, the Australian Open Champion, made a fine start in his challenge for British honours this season by winning the second prize of £200 with an aggregate of 281.

Today he had rounds of 70 and 68.

Third prize of £100 went to W. Smithers, of Long Ashton, with an aggregate of 283. His final two rounds were 70 and 78.

Reuter.



Above is shown the "Old Comrades Challenge Cup" presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., for competition between the Hong Kong Football Club and the Middlesex Regiment. ("China Mail" Photo).

Old Comrades Challenge Cup

A handsome silver cup, known as the "Old Comrades Challenge Cup," has been presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., for competition between the Hong Kong Football Club and the Middlesex Regiment.

This Cup is to commemorate the long and friendly association between the Hong Kong Football Club and the Middlesex Regiment, which was stationed in this Colony before the outbreak of the Pacific War and which took part in the Battle of Hong Kong.

The Cup will be put up for competition annually in a soccer match between the Club and the Middlesex Regiment and the Regiment which takes its place in this Colony.

The first match for the Cup will be played between the Club and the Middlesex Regiment at Sokong, New Territories, at 3 p.m. today.

K. Loke and S. Teul: Runners-up: K. E. Tan and N. H. Gong; Mixed Doubles: Winners: N. Lo and R. Lo; Runners-up: D. Lo and M. Ahwee; Ladies Singles: Winner: R. Lo; Runner-up: M. Sanders.

Other Finalists: Handicap Mixed Doubles: Wagner and Sanders vs. Vannar and Molldeen.

Men's Singles: N. Lo vs. D. Lo.

W. Indies will make
it hum on fast going

In June, 1928, when the West Indies took the field for their first cricket Test with England, they came bounding out like a football team. Such pride.... this was Lord's! Such enthusiasm!

Before the game was over the zip had slipped—enthusiasm evaporated. It was uphill work, despite the energies and ebullience of cricketers like L. N. Constantine.

They lost by an innings, they lost all three Tests, that year, by an innings.

This, really, was the infant, now, to show the value and inspiration of their promotion to full Test status comes the full-grown man.

The West Indies have arrived with a rating second only to Australia. The season will show whether they can keep England in third place.

Since 1928 they have won five and lost five of 18 Tests with England.

Now we shall do quite well if we can bar the way to their first victory in England, an event that would make them jump for joy.

Put in its place

G. O. Allen's touring team of 1947-48 may not have been our best, but it was firmly put in its place; the West Indies won two of the Tests and had the better of the finish in the other pair.

Then, however, Hines Johnson, 31, 5th, fast bowler who really lets himself go, took 10 wickets for under 10 runs apiece. Now he is 40, and has not lately been able to play much first-class cricket.

But the signs of the times are shown by the fact that the West Indies had seven bowlers with a better Test average than Butler of Nottingham, top man in the English return.

Now there are two good fast bowlers in support of Hines Johnson, so he should get the rest he may need.

Thunderbolt

Prior Jones, for instance, is built for wear and tear, and is a good deal faster than anything we can show. Thirty-three in June, this thunderbolt.

And, to keep the onslaught going, is Lance Pierre, 6ft. 4in. who, if he reaches his best, will complete a welcome trial of our batting ability against a shock attack—timely turning-up for next winter's arrival in Australia.

All-rounder Gomez is likely to be the stock bowler, and the spinners include Williams, goosy man, left-arm Valentine, and Ramadhin, who is something of a speculation. Always plus Worrell (left-arm spinner), but he is regarded as batsman.

The batting of the West Indies may even surpass our own. Much depends on temperament, which here might carry a capital "T," and on the weather the Tests may bring.

Potentialities great

John Goddard, left-hander and captain, has not yet lost a Test. Jeffrey Stollmeyer is a stylist. Frank Worrell and Everton Weekes who have become acclimatized by playing in league cricket in Lancashire, may prove to be the Bradman and Morris of the side—their potentialities are so great.

Wicket-keeper Walcott, another six-footer, is the hitter. I dare I say "welcome" without raising the purist's sneer? And J. C. Christian's stroke-play and K. B. Frazer's fast gifts in attack complete the challenge to England's best, and a promise of cricket worth watching.

Yes, this promise of attractive cricket is always with us in April, and all too often has faded out. It is really here, this time, if the weather will give the West Indies a chance.

Given fast going, they will make things hum. I hope they get it.

The leagues are at it, the county games begin on April 23, with Glamorgan at the Oval and

Lawn Tennis
League
programme

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association held at the Hong Kong Cricket Club on April 20, it was decided to play matches of the Men's "B" and Ladies "B" Divisions on Monday; Men's "A" and Ladies "A" on Tuesday; Men's "C" and Mixed "D" on Thursday and Men's "D" and Mixed "B" on Friday.

This programme will hold for very week starting from May 1. The following is the programme for the first week in May, with the home team's name given first:

Monday, May 1, Men's B: South China Athletic Association vs. United Services Recreation Club; Club de Recreo vs. Kowloon Cricket Club; Chinese Recreation Club vs. Craigengower Cricket Club; Indian Recreation Club vs. Ladies Recreation Club; Hong Kong Cricket Club vs. SCAA "A".

Monday, May 1, Ladies B: Recreation "White" vs. USRC; LRC vs. CCC; Hong Kong University Lawn Tennis Club vs. Recreation "Blue"; SCAA vs. KCC.

Tuesday, May 2, Men's A: HKCC vs. KCC; CRC vs. HKU; Recrelo vs. SCAA.

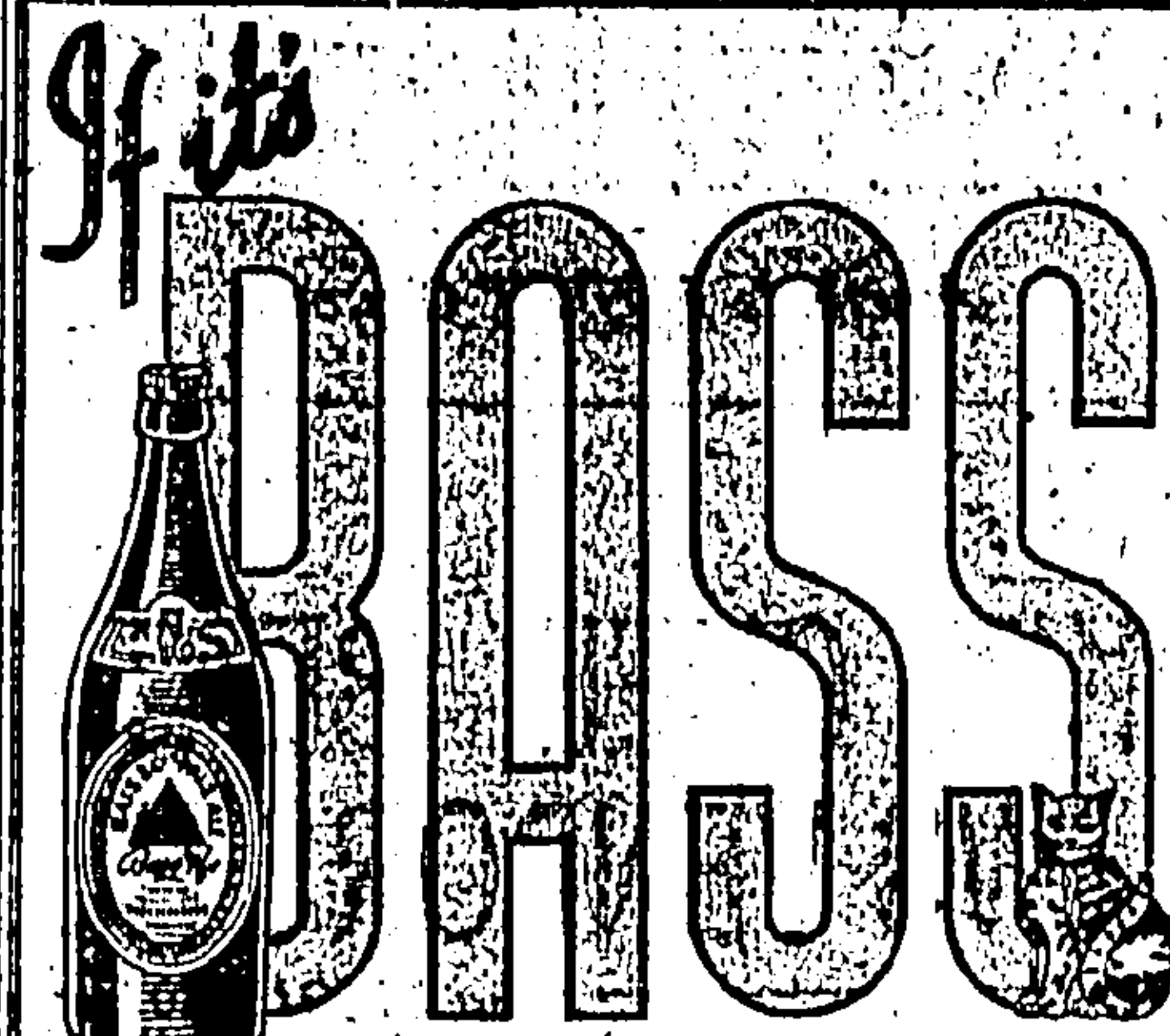
Tuesday, May 2, Ladies A: LRC vs. CRC; USRC vs. KCC.

Thursday, May 4, Mixed N: CRC vs. SCAA; KCC vs. LRC; USRC bye.

Thursday, May 4, Mixed A: LRC vs. SCAA; Kowloon Indian Tennis Club vs. Kowloon Dock Club; HKCC vs. Recrelo; Kaitak RAF vs. CRC "2"; HKU vs. KCC; USRC vs. CCC; CRC "1" bye.

Friday, May 5, Men's B: CCC "2" vs. CRC; SCAA vs. Kowloon Dock; CRC "3" vs. IRC; Recrelo vs. KCC.

Friday, May 5, Mixed B: CCC vs. CRC; LRC vs. Recrelo; HKU vs. KCC; SCAA bye.



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UTTER WASTE OF TIME—WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE FELLOW?

I'M SORRY, GENTLEMEN. I'LL GO THROUGH IT AGAIN BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. (THINKS) WHAT A HUMILIATION!

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Soccer:

KIT CHEE BEAT THE REST;
NEWS VENDORS HELD TO DRAWFinal standings
in local
Soccer Leagues

FIRST DIVISION										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Kit Chee	24	20	3	1	81	31	43			
AMP	24	18	2	4	81	31	38			
St. Joseph's	24	16	2	6	59	46	34			
Army	24	14	4	6	56	32	32			
Commodore	24	13	2	9	67	61	28			
St. John's	24	11	3	10	56	62	25			
Navy	24	9	8	12	55	60	21			
Police	24	7	6	11	33	41	20			
Club	24	6	5	13	33	59	17			
Eastern	24	7	3	14	38	69	17			
CAA	24	6	6	12	31	68	16			
IAF	24	4	3	16	40	76	11			
Kwong Wah	24	4	0	20	20	68	8			

SECOND DIVISION										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
New Vendor	31	20	3	1	155	34	43			
Kit Chee	31	20	3	1	149	48	43			
RAF	31	25	3	3	104	45	53			
Army	31	24	2	5	119	59	50			
South China	31	24	4	7	120	47	50			
Police	31	15	7	12	82	61	37			
Navy	31	17	2	15	97	77	34			
ICA	31	16	4	14	107	101	34			
Eastern	31	15	3	13	87	81	31			
Police	31	14	2	19	88	104	24			
Talkies	31	12	2	20	48	82	24			
Prisoners	31	11	5	18	86	90	23			
Club	31	11	2	18	70	80	23			
CAA	31	9	6	19	70	87	21			
St. Joseph's	31	10	2	21	60	101	22			
Dockyard	31	7	2	20	65	131	20			
Yard Police	31	4	2	27	37	163	10			
University	31	2	1	30	20	170	5			

Two records
broken at YMCA
swimming meet

Minneapolis, April 21.

Two records were broken today as the two-day National YMCA swimming meet got under way at Cooke Hall on the University of Minnesota campus.

Dave Anderson of Minneapolis cracked the 1,500 metre free-style mark in winning that event. His time was 20:24.4. Gerald Holand of Oak Park, Illinois, smashed the 220-yard breast-stroke standard, going the distance in 2:25.8 in a trial heat.

Bob Batchelor of Richmond, Indiana, placed second in the 1,500 metres and his team mate, J. Thomas, fifth to give their team five points in the early standings.

Batchelor also qualified for the 220-yard free-style finals. More than 100 swimmers representing 21 cities are entered in the 23rd annual meet.—United Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS
FIFTH RACE MEETING
Saturday, 29th April, 1950

There are ten races, the First Race will be rung at 1:30 p.m. and the First Race will be rung at 2:00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races-\$20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep for the "Kwungtung Handicap" scheduled to be run on 7th October, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the "Kwungtung Handicap" may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11:00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11:45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of things will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons (including ladies) and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIO TAO MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASS.

Servants' pass will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' company.

The 1949/1950 soccer season officially ended at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, when the Champions of the First and Second Divisions of the Hong Kong Football League took part in exhibition games.

The First Division Champions, Kit Chee, met a Rest of the Colony XI and emerged winners by three goals to one, while the Second Division Champions, News Vendors, who were pitted against the runners-up of that Division, Kit Chee, shared six goals with their opponents.

At the conclusion of the Senior game, Sir Arthur Morse, President of the Hong Kong Football Association, presented the trophies and souvenirs.

The game between Kit Chee and the Rest of the Colony XI was a scrappy affair. A wet pitch and heavy ball made good football impossible.

Kit Chee did not have things entirely their own way, as the Rest enjoyed a fair share of the game, but poor combination and the inability of the forwards to shoot straight robbed them of many scoring opportunities.

Lee Chun-fat and Yuen Yiu-lam were the only two forwards in the Rest team who showed any sparkle, although Ko Po-keung tried very hard.

Xavier and Lee Tai-fai, the two wingers were disappointing.

Busy afternoon

Tam Woon-cheuk, who played in goal for the Rest, had a very busy afternoon and brought off some fine saves, while Rocha and Fok Yiu-wah bore the brunt of the attacks.

Hayes was notably weak, but the two wing halves supported him well.

The Champions played well as a team although being Ling-sing playing in the pivotal position, was a little on the shaky side.

Kit Chee drew first blood one minute after the kick-off when Lau Chung-sang centred a fine pass to Yu Cheuk-yin, who beat Tam Woon-cheuk with a well placed shot.

Kit Chee almost increased their lead in the next minute, but Tam brought off a full length save from a shot by Yu Cheuk-yin.

The Rest got into their stride and Lee Tai-fai was sent away on the left. He sent across a high centre and Xavier, cutting in from the right, connected the ball but shot high.

Rest equalise

With the game 10 minutes old, the Rest equalised through Yuen

Yiu-lam, who beat Yu Yiu-tak with a fine effort.

Both sides then battled furiously to take the lead and for a period the respective defences bore the brunt of the play.

Kit Chee took the lead in the 23rd minute after Yuen Yiu-lam of the Rest had the misfortune to see a powerful drive saved by Yu Yiu-tak.

From a long pass, Kwok Ying-kee outpaced Rocha on the left. Rocha raced across from the right to intercept Kwok but was with the result that the latter netted. Actually Kwok had fouled Hayes before gaining possession.

Within a matter of minutes, Kit Chee went further into the lead through Lai Shiu-wing who slipped through on his own to beat Tam Woon-cheuk with a pile driver.

An empty goal

Just before the interval, the Rest had a glorious opportunity to reduce this lead when Ko Po-keung, after drawing Yu Yiu-tak from his charge, beat him to the ball. With a defender in his path Ko lobbed the ball to Xavier, who shot wide when faced with an empty goal.

The interval came with Kit Chee leading by three goals to one.

The Rest missed another fine opportunity to reduce the lead on the restart when Yuen Yiu-lam sent Ko Po-keung away with a lob over the heads of the defenders.

Drawing Yu Yiu-tak from his charge, Ko tapped the ball past the former, but had the misfortune to see the ball go wide of its mark.

This was followed by another blunder by Yuen Yiu-lam, who shot wide at close range when favourably placed.

Over at the other end, the Rest had narrow shaves when shots by Lau Chung-sang and Yue Cheuk-yin skimmed the crossbar.

Kit Chee almost went further in the lead when Liu Wing-keung, who had the dribble, but Tam Woon-cheuk was equal to the occasion and brought off a really good save.

Lai Shiu-wing came into the picture with a terrific drive which hit the crossbar with the goal-keeper out of position.

After the Rest missed two easy goals, Kit Chee were of the attack again and from a pass on the left Kwok Ying-kee dribbled past Hayes, only to misjudged with only the goal-keeper to beat.

The Rest had another narrow escape when Lau Chung-sang, after beating the defence, drew Tam Woon-cheuk out and she past him, but was unlucky to see his shot go wide.

With only five minutes to go the Rest fought hard to pull the game out of the fire, but the Kit Chee defenders stood up well and thwarted all attempts to score.

Kit Chee: Yu Yiu-tak, Hau Yung-sang, Ng Kai-chung, Lee Ping-chiu, Soong Ling-sing, Lo Wai-kun, Chu Wing-keung, Yu Cheuk-yin, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shiu-wing and Lau Chung-sang.

The Rest: Tam Woon-cheuk, Fok Yiu-wah, Rocha, Ng Yiu-wai, Hayes, Santos, Xavier, Lee Chun-fat, Ko Po-keung, Yuen Yiu-lam and Lee Tai-fai.

HK FOOTBALL
REFEREES' ASSN.
MEETING

Members of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association are reminded that the last Monthly Meeting of the season will be held on Tuesday, April 25, at 8:30 p.m., at the residence of Mr. E. C. Young, Watson's Ltd. North Point, Hong Kong.

Mr. Young will present a film show which will include several films on football and other sports. Refreshments will be served.

Members are requested to meet at Star Ferry, Hong Kong side, not later than 8:00 p.m., on the night of the meeting.

OTHER SPORTS
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THE CHAMPIONS



Shown above is the Kit Chee XI, Champions of the First Division of the Hong Kong Football League, together with the Cup which was presented to them by Sir Arthur Morse on conclusion of their game against the Rest of the Colony at Happy Valley yesterday. Kit Chee won 3-1.—("China Mail" photo)

Softball:

BRAVES HUMBLE
ST. JOSEPH'S 7-2

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Playing on a muddy rain-soaked field, Braves out-hit St. Joseph's to overcome a one-run deficit and finally emerge 7-2 winners in the Senior Softball League play-off game which was rained out last week but which was continued yesterday.

Despite the setback and almost certain elimination of the Saints, they can console themselves over the fact that they registered the first triple-play in the Senior League, at the expense of the Braves.

TODAY'S SPORT

GOLF

Fanling, Old Course 9.10 a.m.
New Course 9.48 a.m.

LAWN BOWLS

Opening of Indian Recreation Club season, 3.30 p.m.

HOCKEY

Police v. KTC, Boundary Street, 10.30, S/Cdr. Padley; F.M. Scott.

Navy v. Club: RNRC, No. 1, 11.30, WO Smith; Mr. Xavier.

Chand Tara v. Nomads: RNRC, No. 1, 10.00 S. Maj, Hannan; QMSI M. Celand.

YMCA v. RAF: RNRC, No. 2, 10.00 M. Bilko; Capt. Payne.

Army v. Dutch: Soccerpoo, 11.15, M. Palmer; Mr. Brady.

Recreo A v. Recreco B: Recreco, 10.00 CYS Gater, Mr. Guest.

SOFTBALL

Mens' Senior Final Play-offs
At CBA 11.00 a.m.—St. Joseph's v. American; 1 p.m.—Jaguars v. Braves.

Inter-Hong League

At Recreco 10 a.m.—San Miguel v. Gibb, Livingston.

At CBA 10 a.m.—Caltex v. Starvac; 2.30 p.m.—Shell v. Civil Service; 4 p.m.—Mercantile Bank v. Union Insurance.

Midget League

At Recreco 11.30 a.m.—De-lawares v. Lions.

At Recreco 1.00 p.m.—Black Arrows v. Falcons.

SOCCER

Final of the Schools Senior Shield Competition between Tai-koo and Queen's College, Club Ground, Happy Valley, 11 a.m.

BASKETBALL

"Green Archers" v. Kit Chee at the South China Athletic Association Stadium, Caroline Hill, 8 p.m.

CARDANIL SCRATCHED

London, April 22.

Marcel Boussac's Cardanil, quoted at ten to one at the last callover on Thursday, has been scratched from the Two Thousand Guineas to be run at Newmarket on Wednesday.

When Cardanil was visited this morning it was found that he had a slight accident in his box during the night and had strained a muscle. Close examination showed that it would be impossible for him to run on Wednesday and he was decided to scratch him.

Cardanil was scratched from the Two Thousand Guineas to be run at Newmarket on Wednesday.

HOME
FOOTBALL
RESULTS

London, April 22.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

FIRST DIVISION			
Aston Villa	3	Bolton W.	0
Blackpool	0	Chelsea	0
Charlton	3	Birmingham C.	0
Everton	1	Burnley	1
Fulham	0	West Brom.	1
Huddersfield	3	Sunderland	1
Manchester C.	2	Derby	2
Middlesbrough	2	Stoke C.	0
Newcastle U.	2	Manchester U.	1
Preston	1	Liverpool	1
Sheff. Wed.	0	Sheff. U.	0
Wolves	3	Arsenal	0

SECOND DIVISION			
Blackburn	2	West Ham	0
Bradford	0	Swansea	0
Brentford	3	Barnsley	1
Bury	0	Queens' Park	0
Cardiff	1	Sheff. U.	2
Chesterfield	3	Leeds	1
Hull City	1	Luton Town	1
Leicester	1	Preston N.E.	0
Plymouth	0	Stamford	0
Sheff. W.	1	Coventry	2
Tottenham	1	Grimsby	2

THIRD DIVISION (South)			
Bournemouth	1	Newport C.	1
Bristol R.	1	Northwich	1
Crystal P.	1	Bristol C.	1
Exeter C.	3	Swindon T.	0
Ipswich Town	3	Torquay	1
Leyton Orient	1	Millwall	1
Notts County	2	Notts F.	0
Port Vale	0	Albion R.	1
Reading	1	Walsall	1
Southend	1	Northampton	2
Watford	0	Brighton	0

THIRD DIVISION (North)			
Accrington	1	Rockdale	0
Barnsley	1	Doncaster R.	1
Carlisle	0	Chesham	1
Crawley A.	3	Grays R.	1
Lincoln C.	1	Stockport C.	1
Mansfield T.	0	Bradford C.	1
Oldham A.	3	New Brighton	0
Rotherham	4	Southport	0
Tranmere R.	2	Hull Pools	1
Wrexham	2	Hullfax	2
York City	1	Darlington	1

SCOTTISH FA CUP

Glasgow Rangers today won the Scottish F.A. Cup beating East Fife by three goals to nil after leading by one goal at half-time.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"A"

Aberdeen 2 Stirling A. 2
Dundee 2 Queen's Park 0
Rathfriland 2 Queen's Park 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"B"

Aberdeen 3 Dundee 1
Dundee 3 Ayr United 0
Dundee U. 7 Queen's Park 1

SCOTTISH OTHER MATCHES

Airdrie 3 Motherwell 0
Celtic 3 Hibernian 2
St. Johnstone 3 Albion R. 2
Falkirk 3 Alloa Athl. 0
Kilmarnock 10 Derry C. 3

FA AMATEUR CUP FINAL

Willingham 4 Bishop Akl. 0

IRISH CUP FINAL

Linfield 2 Distillery 1

FRENCH BOXER'S
SUCCESSFUL DEBUT
IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, April 21.

The French bantamweight, Robert Servant, made a successful debut in Australia when he outpointed Chai Githol, of Thailand, over 12 rounds here tonight.

Servant, 24, is a native of France and has won several titles in his home country.

Athletic Meet:

Combined Schoolboys
outclassed by Army

At Caroline Hill yesterday, a weakened Combined Schoolboys athletic team was hopelessly outclassed by the Army in a track and field meet which was featured by the absence of the King George V boys.

No one on the field could give any reasonable explanation as to why the King George V stars (School Champions), could not turn out for the meet.

One source had it that the King George V boys were not in training, while another said that the boys were on holiday. Neither of these reasons, however, convinced those who were present and who are interested in the state of the Colony's athletics in general and sportsmanship in particular.

Army were able to return some extremely interesting performances, the most notable being Skipwith's 16.4 seconds in the 110 metres high hurdle, which the Army officer won unopposed.

Handley (Army), was the only other starter in the race. Skipwith cleared the hurdles faultlessly to give one of the best exhibitions in this event to be seen here for a long time.

No opposition

Skipwith's 16.4 seconds was slower by a fifth of a second than that returned by him last week. But he had no opposition. Moreover, he was content to take things easy over the last 10 metres.

Dunn returned 11.3 seconds for the 100 metres sprint to give the Army seven victories in the nine races on the programme.

Army's 47.2 seconds for the 4 x 100 metres relay was also an impressive performance.

The soldiers took the 4 x 100 metres relay as well without much trouble.

The soldiers had the schoolboys beaten not only in individual ability, but also by their speed and precision when handing over batons.